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Rower 'glad to be back for first day at school'

By George Welch

A TWO-TIME Olympic gold medallist stranded on a remote Norwegian island for more than two weeks has been rescued – just in time for his daughter's first day at school.

A coastguard saved Alex Gregory and his crew from Jan Mayen island, where they had been stuck since August 19, a month after starting to row from Norway to Iceland.

The nine-strong Polar Row crew, which included four Britons, had set out to travel 2,000km north to raise £20,000 to build a school in the Himalayas.

The group, who were taken to the Norwegian mainland on Sunday evening, sought refuge on the volcanic island because of ill health and problems with their boat.

Alex admitted he was scared for his life but made a safe return to his Henley home on Monday, just in time to take his daughter Daisy to her first day at school the following morning.

Speaking on the BBC Breakfast Show, the Leander Club member said on Tuesday: "It's Daisy's first day at school and she's very excited. I got back yesterday (Monday) and I'm glad to be back with them [my family]."

He added on social media: "There's no place like home! Super pleased to see these happy faces at the airport. I've missed them, plenty of catching up to do now!"



Back home with daughter Daisy and son Jasper on Tuesday morning

Standing next to the Polar Row boat before departing Jan Mayen, with the coastguard vessel in the background. From left, Tyler Carnevale, Fiann Paul, Samuel Vye, Tore Wensel (Jan Mayen station commander), Alex Gregory, Danny Longman, Carlos Facchino. Picture: Polar Row

Alex and co pushed off land on August 8 to row as far north as they possibly could, rowing for four days and nights until they hit permanent ice.

He said: "The whole experience was incredible. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to do that [the expedition].

"Up there it was amazing – there was just ice for as far as you could see."

It was on the way back south towards Iceland – the final destination – when the crew encountered very

rough weather and had to abort the expedition at Jan Mayen.

He said: "It was fairly horrendous for a number of days. I was scared.

"At certain times I definitely felt I wasn't coming back."

The team, who said they've achieved 11 world records despite not completing the row, were rescued when the Norwegian Coastguard arrived to refuel the island.

The Norwegian military and a small number of Norwegian Meteorological Institute workers are the only inhabitants on Jan Mayen.

InBrief

Praise for team's care of volunteers

A COMMUNITY services team in Oxford has been recognised for the way it looks after its volunteers.

Oxford City Council's team received the 'Investing in volunteers quality standard' accreditation last month, acknowledging the support, training and recruiting of volunteers.

The 200-strong team works across a range of areas, including managing community centres, sports and leisure facilities, green spaces and wildlife reserves, the Museum of Oxford, culture and events, youth work, and sports activities.

The team's work ranges from acting as guides at the museum and providing support at community centres, to contributing to the upkeep of nature reserves and parks.

The team is one of four organisations in Oxford to win the accolade.

Appeal dismissed

A SEVERELY disabled man who took his legal battle over cuts to his care to the Court of Appeal has had his case dismissed.

Luke Davey, 41, challenged a ruling upholding Oxfordshire County Council's decision to cut his 24-hour package by 42 per cent.

But three appeal judges ruled at Friday's hearing that the council had not acted unlawfully.

Mr Davey, who has quadriplegic cerebral palsy, argued it threatened his well-being and breached the Care Act.

Student allowed to stay and study at Oxford uni

A STUDENT who faced losing his place at Oxford University because of uncertainty over his immigration status is celebrating after winning his battle to remain in Britain indefinitely.

Nearly 112,000 people signed a petition to keep Brian White, pictured, in the country he has lived in for the last six years amid fears he faced deportation to Zimbabwe.

Abandoned as a baby, Brian, now 21, lived in an orphanage in Zimbabwe until he was six.

He was fostered and later adopted by a British man, Peter White, and his family, who moved to Botswana and returned to the UK to settle in the West Midlands.

Brian, who grew up in Wolverhampton, had his application to become a British citizen by naturalisation rejected in 2014 and was only granted limited leave to remain.

This meant he was unable to take up his place to study chemistry at Oxford last year as he was deemed ineligible for student finance.

However, a petition set up by his friend Luke Wilcox helped make Brian's stay in Britain permanent.



The petition has gained 111,988 signatures, including the author Philip Pullman, comedian Frankie Boyle and Eleanor Smith, the MP for Wolverhampton South West.

On Monday Luke said Brian's lawyer had informed him of the Home Office's decision.

He said: "We have just received news that Brian's application has been approved!"

"Thank you so much for all of the support. Every single one of you has helped to change Brian's life forever!"

The Home Office confirmed the approval of his indefinite leave to remain.

Brian will now study chemistry at Lady Margaret Hall this year. The college's principal, Alan Rusbridger, described it as "great news".

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Petition calls for more council housing to meet clear demand

By Adam Flinn

A WITNEY resident is calling on West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) to use some of its millions of reserves to build more council houses in the area.

Luci Ashbourne officially launched the petition outside the council offices on Tuesday, urging the council to fund building more houses for vulnerable families.

The petition says that some residents are spending months in unsuitable emergency accommodation and families are being separated because they are being priced out of the rental market.

Miss Ashbourne said: "This petition is an opportunity for the community to send a clear message to the council that the current housing crisis, given the reserves we have access to, is neither acceptable, nor necessary.

"Everyone in the community should be able to live here without being financially oppressed, or held back from aspirations of a better life.

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From front left, Cllrs Andrew Coles and Duncan Enright sign the petition with housing campaigner Deborah Robson-Grey (in wheelchair) and other concerned Witney residents outside WODC offices

homes should not be a privilege of the wealthiest in our community, but a fundamental right for all."

As of March 31 this year WODC had almost £28m of usable reserves, although around £16m of that has been committed to other capital projects.

Deborah Robson-Grey, who set up action group Homes4All after

finding herself homeless in West Oxfordshire, is supporting the campaign.

She said: "We found ourselves in emergency and temporary accommodation for 10 months, costing the public thousands because no suitable housing was available or planned.

"I feel very strongly that public money should be better spent on building and converting properties using monies that WODC already has unallocated in reserves into much needed solutions for a crisis that has been building for many years in this area."

In a statement, WODC said it is looking into appointing a housing property manager to find homes that the council will buy to accommodate vulnerable families.

The statement continued: "We are continually working to house clients in the most suitable accommodation for their needs, taking into account local connection, priority and family network, as well as the size of the property required.

"The council recognises housing affordability as a key issue and seeks to ensure through the planning process that new affordable homes are provided through qualifying developments."

The petition is running until December 24. If it gains more than 1,500 signatures then it will be debated at a full council meeting.

To sign the petition on the council website go to www.westoxon.gov.uk

Witnesses sought to deaths of two men after being thrown from motorbike

TWO men died after being thrown off a motorcycle in Chipping Norton.

Shortly after 3.30pm on Saturday a blue and white Suzuki GS 500 motorcycle was being ridden on the

A44 from the village of Salford in the direction of Chipping Norton.

As the vehicle entered Chipping Norton it overtook several vehicles in New Street. The motorcycle then

left the road causing both riders to be thrown. Both men died at the scene. Their next of kin have been informed.

One of the men killed has been named locally as Steve Witham, 64.

It has not yet been confirmed whether he was the driver or the passenger on the bike.

If you have any information, contact police on 101.

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Motorcyclist killed

A 46-year-old man has died after the motorcycle he was riding left the road near the entrance to Bicester Golf Club, on the A4095.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident which did not involve another vehicle.

The accident involving the red Ducati motorcycle, which was travelling with a small group of others, happened shortly after 9am on Sunday.

PC Perry Knight is appealing for anyone who saw the bikes to get in touch. He said: "It is believed the red Ducati motorcycle was the only vehicle involved, although it was travelling near other motorcycles at the time of the collision."

Anyone with information should call 101 quoting URN 404 3/9.

Dirt bike stolen

POLICE want to reunite a "stolen" dirt bike with its owner after it was found abandoned in Whitelands Way, Bicester.

Officers said three teenage boys were seen to drive off at speed after seeing police officers on Churchill Road, on Monday, August 28, at 3.45am.

Three boys, all aged 15, have been arrested on suspicion of theft of a motor vehicle and released under investigation.

PC Robert Mogridge said: "The bike is a blue and black Dukar dirt bike with a beige saddle.

"As it is an off-road bike, it does not have a registration plate, so we are appealing to the public to help locate the bike's rightful owner."

Anyone with information should call 101, quoting 43170255284.

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McDonald's row rumbles on amid concern of more traffic

By Samantha McGregor

A DEVELOPER behind the controversial planning application for a McDonald's drive-thru in Bicester has hit back at criticism from council highways officers.

Tesco want to build a two-storey restaurant on 548sqm of space, at land near its Lakeview Drive petrol station.

But officers from Oxfordshire County Council's highways department, said the fast food restaurant would generate too much extra traffic in an area of the town which already suffers severe congestion at peak times.

The site, off the A41, is a main route into Bicester, access to designer outlet Bicester Village, and Tesco.

It also has planning approval for a business park and a new retail park is due to be built nearby.

OCC raised concerns the restaurant could cause more queuing at the A41 roundabout especially if there is a future increase in traffic at Tesco as the town expands.

A report by Waterman Infrastructure & Environment, on behalf of Tesco, said the most "relevant available data" was used for the traffic assessment and the number of cars using the site was over estimated.



The proposed site for the new McDonald's drive thru in Bicester

It further said the software used to model traffic in and around the site was not "accurate" and "calculates disproportionate queue lengths".

The report also highlighted research that more people shopped for groceries online so potentially less traffic would use the supermarket.

Posting on social networking site

Facebook, Cllr Nicholas Mawer said: "Councillors are not yet involved in the decision process but are watching developments gauging public opinion.

"Oxfordshire County Council does not make the decision, in the end it is the planning committee at Cherwell that will make the decision."

He went to say it would be wrong to

try to predict the decision.

Cllr Mawer added: "Officers at county are trying to make sure that road networks work and would be roundly criticised if there are constant snarl ups because McDonalds bring much more traffic than they predict."

Proposals for the restaurant, which would create 70 jobs, include a 24/7 drive-thru facility, patio and play area and 25 parking spaces.

The application has had a positive response from many residents who welcome "more amenities", however others say the town has no need for "further fast food chains" and development could take place in the town centre.

Tesco opened at Lakeview Drive last year after relocating from its site in Pingle Drive thereby enabling Bicester Village to expand into its old site.

As part of the multi-million-pound deal cash has been used to improve the road network in the area.

“Officers at county are trying to make sure road networks work and would be criticised if there are constant snarl ups because McDonald's bring more traffic than they predict **”**

InBrief

Market relaunch

RESIDENTS are being urged to buy local produce after Banbury Farmers' Market was relaunched.

In April, Cherwell District Council brought the operation of the market back in house.

Since then the council has been working to encourage more traders to join the market and improve the range of produce on offer.

The September market took place on Friday and included stalls from The Indian Orchard, Springfield Kitchen and Supremo Coffee.

Tastes of the world

A FLAVOURS of the world market will take place in Sheep Street, Bicester, on Saturday and in Banbury's Market Place the following day.

'Exotic and unusual' sights and smells will be in the air as stalls from every corner of Europe set up shop.

These include Italian sweets and biscuits, cheeses from France, Moroccan marble crafts, amber jewellery and Turkish rugs and throws.

Cemetery checks

SAFETY checks will be carried out at Windrush Cemetery next month.

It will be tested as part of WODC's legal obligations to make sure headstones aren't at risk of falling over and injuring someone.

Take a peak into the town's past

RESIDENTS and visitors to Witney with a keen eye for history can enjoy a 'fascinating' trip into the past at a four-day event celebrating the town's yesteryear.

History buffs will be able to celebrate the history, architecture and culture of buildings with free access to a variety of venues, including areas not often seen by the public.

One of the sites involved is Witney Museum, where visitors can find out more about their old photographs with local writer and historian Stanley Jenkins.

Pictures and exhibits of life in the town across the ages will also be on display.

Mr Jenkins said: "It is a 'roadshow' event with people able to talk about their pictures and artefacts and hopefully I can shed some light on their family history."

Ian Petty, chairman of the trustees at Witney Museum, added: "Last year we quadrupled our daily visitor numbers during the event and their contributions helped maintain our exhibits and plan more."

Also available as part of the Witney history event are tours of the Witney Blanket Hall with



Ian Petty, Chairman of the Trustees at Witney Museum and local historian Stanley Jenkins

an exhibition of architectural and sculptural work; a walking tour describing the changing landscape of Cogges; exhibitions in the Methodist Church; a guided Witney Blanket Trail walk; an exhibition in St Mary's Church revealing plans to create a war memorial ceiling and a tour of Tower Hill Cemetery.

Cllr Jeanette Baker, cabinet member for tourism at West

Oxfordshire District Council, said: "This is a fantastic way to discover more about the history and heritage of Witney. Both visitors and locals are bound to find this a fascinating event."

Organised by Heritage Open Days, the event runs from today until Sunday.

Visit www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org/witneyheritage for more information.

Second chemical leak discovered in River Windrush

INSPECTORS investigating a chemical leak in the River Windrush have issued a fresh warning to stay out of the water after discovering another spill.

Water in Queen Emma's Dyke was discoloured a brown/red

colour after chemicals were found leaking from a factory in Avenue One on August 26.

As an Environment Agency officer was assessing the impact they identified a second, separate leak that had discoloured a short

stretch of the dyke a light brown.

A spokesperson said the new discharge is from a different outfall on the opposite bank, adding: "We advise people and pets to stay out of the water until we have investigated."

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Police appeal for witnesses after gun shots 'Lucky only car was damaged by pellets'

By Samantha McGregor

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a car was shot at in a Banbury carpark in broad daylight.

The owner believed between four and five pellets had been fired at the driver's side window, which later shattered.

There were also three dents in the roof of the Mini, which had been parked in Calthorpe Street, Banbury.

Owner Heather Haymes, 35, wasn't with the car when the shooting happened on Thursday last week, but was told by a witness that a male was seen shooting at the car from the balcony of nearby flats.

Property manager Mrs Haymes said: "This person/child needs to be stopped and he needs to realise how his simple-minded stupidity could have been a lot worse than just a smashed car window."

She is urging the woman who spoke to her or anyone who knows about the incident to contact police.

Mrs Haymes said: "She heard the shots and then saw the damage caused to my car. I called 999 to report this immediately.

"When police came to assess the situation, they went into the flat where the shots apparently came from and reported that no young person was inside the property and no weapon was found on site.

"I'm disgusted with what happened this afternoon but luckily it was only my car that took the 'hit' but this could quite as



Heather Haymes' car window was smashed in the shooting



easily have been a person or child who was passing by and I dread to think what could have been, if the pellet went straight through my car window then who knows what injury could have been caused if it hit a person passing by."

Speaking on the day of the incident on Thursday last week, a police spokesman said: "Thames Valley Police was called shortly

after 2.15pm yesterday to a report of a car having been damaged by pellets in Calthorpe Street, Banbury.

"Officers attended and are investigating the offence of criminal damage in relation to the vehicle."

So far, no-one has been arrested. Anyone with information should call 101 quoting URN 689 31/8.

Drugs sold across county lines

A LONDON drug dealer who came to Oxfordshire to sell class A drugs and ran away from officers when caught has been sentenced to six years behind bars.

Daniel Carruthers, 25 from Enfield, sold heroin, cocaine and cannabis to 'vulnerable' drug users across county lines.

He and his partner-in-crime Amber Hickey, who pleaded guilty to drug-related offences in April, were caught by officers in Didcot.

Carruthers ran away when officers stopped the pair, who were driving a hire car, in Loyd Road on March 28.

Officers found a 'significant quantity' of heroin, cocaine and cannabis in the car - and more drugs were found at Carruthers's home, proving he was dealing drugs on a commercial scale.

Carruthers and Hickey, 25 from Ruislip, London, were charged with the offences on March 29.

PC Massie Butler, of the South



Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse Tasking Team, said: "Daniel Carruthers came to Oxfordshire intent on financial profit at the expense and misery of vulnerable drug users. When caught, not only did he run from officers, he repeatedly lied about his involvement and was willing to allow Amber Hickey to take full responsibility."

Carruthers was sentenced to six years in prison after a jury unanimously deemed him guilty of two counts of possession with intent to supply class A drugs at Oxford Crown Court on April 28.

The investigation was carried out as part of Thames Valley Police's Stronghold campaign, which aims to tackle serious and organised crime.

Uni boss defends her £350k salary

By Eva Astreinidou

OXFORD University's vice-chancellor has accused 'tawdry politicians' of undermining the higher education sector in a row over pay for university leaders.

This comes as universities minister Jo Johnson and Labour's Lord Adonis, both Oxford alumnus, warned against "excessive" pay levels, at a time when tuition fees are increasing.

Professor Louise Richardson, who receives a salary of £350,000, defended the pay of university leaders in the UK by saying her counterparts in the US are paid even more.

In response to the claims, she said the pay rates reflected a 'global marketplace' saying that more than 40 counterparts in the US earn around \$1million (£770,000) and that some even received more than \$2m (£1.54m).

Speaking at the Times Higher Education world academic summit, she said of the accusations that increased tuition fees are inflating pay packets: "I think it's completely mendacious for politicians to suggest that vice-chancellors have used the £9,000 fees to enhance their own salaries.

"We know that the £9,000 fees were

a substitute for the withdrawal of government funding.

"My own salary is £350,000 - which is a very high salary compared to our academics - our junior academics especially, who are very lowly paid."

She added that university heads' pay might not look so high compared with footballers or bankers.

She said: "I think this is just the politicians, and I wish they wouldn't do it, not because it's embarrassing for me or my colleagues but because it's damaging.

"Why would you want to try and damage what is one of the most successful aspects of the British economy?

The calibre of university education is something that should be celebrated on a daily basis - not just trying to drag it down by making spurious correlations between fees and salaries."

In July, Mr Johnson warned of the "upward spiral" in vice-chancellors' pay.

He told universities they needed to do more to respond to students' concerns about value for money, especially when some "vice-chancellors take home a wage that in some cases exceeds that of the prime minister".

Make a Buddy and stay safe, advise NSPCC

A SCHEME that empowers children as young as four to stay safe from abuse reached almost 21,000 primary school pupils in Oxfordshire last year, new figures reveal.

The NSPCC's Speak Out Stay Safe programme was delivered to a total of 20,945 children at 109 primary schools in the county during the last school year, according to the child protection charity.

The figures come as volunteers prepare to speak to more youngsters in Oxfordshire as the new school term begins.

The initiative sees assemblies take place with reception and years one and two pupils, as well as more in-depth interactive talks and workshops with older students.

Primary school children are taught about different forms of child abuse, such as neglect, bullying and physical and sexual abuse.

With the help of NSPCC mascot



Children learn about abuse with the help of NSPCC mascot Buddy

Buddy, the scheme encourages children to speak to Childline or a trusted adult about any worries they may have.

Imogen McCabe, NSPCC Schools service coordinator for Oxfordshire, said: "It's important that children all over the country are empowered about how to speak out and stay safe from abuse.

"Our team of volunteers do a

fantastic job to give children this vital knowledge in a fun, age appropriate way.

"The Speak Out Stay Safe scheme can help protect a generation of children from abuse and neglect and we are always looking for volunteers."

To apply to volunteer with the NSPCC, or if teachers want to sign their school up for a visit, email Imogen.mccabe@nspcc.org.uk

Book a ticket for literary festival with well-known author

LITERARY fans and book worms in Wantage can enjoy a series of upcoming festivities.

The Wantage (not just) Betjeman Literary Festival will showcase some of the best homegrown talent from

October 21 to 28.

Illustrator Korky Paul will kick things off with a fun-filled workshop full of his popular Winnie the Witch tales on Saturday.

Horse racing legend Dick Francis' son

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To book tickets visit the Vale & Downland Museum or www.wantagebetjeman.com.



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Tough cookie honoured for her exceptional work

By Samantha McGregor

A FORMER mayor and councillor has become only the fourth person to receive Banbury's highest honour.

Businesswoman Rosemarie Higham Stevens, who says Banbury is emblazoned on her heart, became an Honorary Burgess at a celebration in Banbury Town Hall last Thursday.

She is the first woman to be awarded the honour and joins Maurice Humphris, Jack Friswell and George Parish on the prestigious list.

Council leader Kieron Mallon, who proposed the award, said: "This is not something that is awarded lightly."

"It is given for a long and distinguished history of service to Banbury. It is the equivalent to the Freedom of the Town."

"Rosemarie is a Grimsbury girl who worked in a tough world. She doesn't give in easily – if at all."

"She is a local girl made good – a tough cookie with a heart of gold."

"Her lifetime achievements are exceptional."

Rosemarie was born in 1942 and lived in Manor Road, Banbury. She attended St Leonard's School where



Rosemarie Higham Stevens with her celebration cake

George Parish was a classmate.

She got the fundraising bug at the age of seven when she raised fifteen shillings for the Horton Hospital – the equivalent to around £30 today.

At 26, Rosemarie took over the family coal business and was the first woman to receive a National Coal Board Diploma.

During the miners' strike in 1984 she worked day and night to source coal from around the world for her

regular customers – and BBC's Panorama made a programme featuring her business.

Rosemarie pioneered CCTV in Banbury, raising funds to enable Banbury to become the first town in the country to have colour CCTV.

She was chairman and president of Banbury Chamber of Commerce, a Cherwell District councillor and chairman and of the Banbury Crime Prevention Panel.

Over the years she led a string of fundraising campaigns and raised tens of thousands of pounds for charities, including Help for Heroes, cash to fit security locks on pensioners' homes, £4,500 for a police identity kit to help track down a rapist, a hospital scanner, the Lady on the White Horse statue and money for a safe house for victims of domestic violence.

Rosemarie said: "To become an Honorary Burgess is a great honour. I'm proud to be a local girl who has helped good things happen in Banbury."

"It has been a privilege to have been part of the town I love."

"I've said before – Banbury is emblazoned on my heart."

Officers 'lacked professionalism' over drowning

A POLICE watchdog investigating how the drowning of a teenager was handled has confirmed officers will face misconduct meetings.

Thames Valley Police had previously issued an apology for 'incivility and lack of professionalism' in handling the incident, after Ellis Downes, 16, drowned in the River Thames at Culham last year.

Three police officers will now face misconduct meetings after the Independent Police Complaints Commission released its report on Tuesday morning.

The teenager died on May 7, 2016, after he got into trouble swimming.

After he was reported missing, a search and rescue operation took place involving TVP and Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service.

The IPCC examined officers' actions and reviewed their interaction with Ellis's family and friends following complaints.

In the report, IPCC associate commissioner Guido Liguori said: "While we found the actions of those officers directing the search to be in line with police policies, we identified changes that could be made."

TVP will now be review its policies around rescue and recovery phases and will also implement improved bereavement training for frontline officers.



Mayor Colin Clarke samples Thai lunch from Siam House from Sunan Charoenwit Worakit

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News

Crime cash aid for community

£100,000 recovered by police

By Adam Flinn

A TOTAL of £100,000 recovered by the police including money seized from criminal activities is set to be ploughed back into community projects across the Thames Valley.

The latest grant round of the Police Property Act Fund began last Thursday to dish out money from the sale of recovered items that could not be returned to owners.

Applications are now being sought from voluntary and community groups who help in the police's key areas of vulnerability, prevention and early intervention, reducing re-offending, and countering serious organised crime and terrorism.

Thames Valley's police and crime commissioner Anthony Stansfeld said: "The local voluntary and community sector play an important part in our partnership work.

"There are many organisations in the Thames Valley that can offer a valuable contribution towards helping improve community safety.

"The Police Property Act Fund is a good opportunity to recognise this contribution and assist these

organisations in continuing to make a positive change within our communities.

"I would encourage any organisations who meet the criteria of the fund to apply and I look forward to seeing the applications."

Last year more than £140,000 was handed out to 40 different organisations, with the aim of reducing re-offending and preventing cyber crime.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on Thursday, September 21, before they are considered jointly by Mr Stansfeld and Thames Valley Police Chief Constable Francis Habgood.

Ch Con Habgood said: "I know that relatively small amounts of money can really help groups in the local and voluntary sector make a real difference.

"We have seen many examples of this in previous years and I would encourage people to apply if they meet the criteria for this year."

"Some of the money that we will be allocating has been seized from criminals, so it is great to think that it is now being diverted to good causes across the Thames Valley."

The application form can be found at thamesvalley-pec.gov.uk.

10ft flower towers over all the rest

A NINE-year-old schoolgirl has been crowned Banbury's champion sunflower grower for 2017.

Sophie Berry, of Edinburgh Way, was one of scores of children who took part in the annual competition, as part of Banbury in Bloom.

This year, 600 sunflower seeds were planted in April by Banbury Town Council's park rangers in conjunction with 24 Banbury primary and nursery schools.

As part of the initiative, primary school children were given tiny sunflower plants to take home with the winner being whoever's grows the tallest.

Sophie's winning flower reached a height of 10ft 6ins.

She said: "I planted it in a sunny spot in the garden and kept watering it. I enjoyed watching it grow and was surprised at how tall it became. I'd like to enter the competition again next year."

Roy Edwards, seven, of Guernsey Way, came second with a sunflower of 9ft 6ins, while Adidja Carpenter-Steele, seven, came third with an 8ft 11ins plant.

Mayor Cllr Colin Clarke said: "This is a competition that children always enjoy."



Sophie Berry and sister Daisy are dwarfed by the winning sunflower

"It introduces them to nature and gives them an interest in gardening that we hope stays with them throughout their lives."

InBrief

Walk in author's fictional footsteps

A WALKING tour has been dedicated to Philip Pullman to mark the launch of the author's highly anticipated new book next month.

To mark the publication of *La Belle Sauvage* on October 19, Oxford Official Walking Tours will run a series of tours to locations found in *His Dark Materials* and the new *Book of Dust* series.

With the first tour to start on the same day as the book's release, fans will be able to discover the key locations that inspired the world-renowned books, including the Botanic Gardens, Exeter College, Bodleian Library and more.

The two-hour tour will run every Saturday at 1.45pm. Tickets cost £20 for adults, £19 for seniors and £16 for children aged five to 15. Children under five are free.

To book tickets, call 01865 686442 or book online at tinyurl.com/y9v4xgn

Bike stolen

A THIEF broke into an insecure garage and stole a bicycle while the oblivious occupants were at home.

Police are appealing for witnesses following the theft in Osler Road, Oxford on Friday between 5pm and 5.45pm.

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News

Water way to power homes - when river is high enough



The £3m Sandford Hydro project is complete

Picture: Low Carbon Hub

WORK has been completed on the new hydroelectric power plant on the River Thames at Sandford.

It cost more than £3million to build and will provide enough power for 450 homes.

There is one snag, however, as low river levels mean the power plant remains non-operational for the time being.

Adriano Figueiredo, operations director at Low Carbon Hub, which is behind the scheme, said: "We run a lot of emergency procedures to make sure they are operating as they should so it is a fully functional power plant.

"We depend on the fuel and fuel in this case is water so we need a bit more rain then the flow in the river will increase and we will be able to

start generating power."

The flow of the river water will generate electricity by travelling through three giant Archimedes screws, producing 1,600 MWh of renewable electricity per year.

It took two-and-a-half years to design, a year to build and was finally given the green light by Scottish and Southern Energy on August 25.

But due to the size of the steel screws, power will only be generated when the river is flowing at full force in the autumn, winter and spring.

The plant is co-owned by more than 250 community investors, who all invested £250 per share to raise around £1.2m in total.

Another £2m came from a Charity Bank loan.

By George Welch

GERMAN carmaker BMW has revealed how the electric Mini could look when the first one rolls off the Cowley Plant production line in 2019.

A basic design for the Mini Electric was revealed last week and the real thing will be unveiled at the Frankfurt motor show on September 16.

BMW confirmed in July that the three-door Mini E would go into production at its Cowley Plant in Oxford in two years.

The carmaker has revealed it will have "a powerful electric motor", although no further technical details have been released.

Harald Krüger, chairman of BMW's board of management, said the concept vehicle "offers a thrilling preview of the all-electric production vehicle", adding that "Mini and electrification make a perfect match".

Board member Peter Schwarzenbauer added: "With its characteristic go-kart feel and powerful electric motor, the Mini Electric is great fun to drive while also being completely suitable for everyday use - and producing zero emissions to boot.

"That's how we at Mini envisage electric mobility in tomorrow's world."

The electric motors and batteries for the Mini E will be made at plants in Germany and shipped to Cowley for assembly.

Councillor Bob Price, leader of Oxford City Council, has previously said the decision to build the car at Cowley confirms the strong role the plant plays in the city's economy.

He said: "I am delighted that Plant

Wraps come off design for Mini Electric



Images of how the new Mini Electric could look and inset, will the distinctive rear light display be a feature in the UK?

Pictures: BMW

to electric vehicles to improve the city's air quality."

More than 350,000 Minis are made every year, with more than 60 per cent of them built in Oxford, where around 4,600 staff are employed by BMW.

BMW plans to have electrified vehicles accounting for between 15-25 per cent of its sales by 2025.

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Pooches paw-sed to make a move

DOGS at a pet rehoming centre in Lewknor are packing their bags ahead of an exciting £500,000 refurbishment project.

The hounds will be licking their lips at the prospect of stretching their legs in their new Blue Cross facilities, set to open by the end of the year.

The accommodation, funded by donations from supporters, trusts, grants and legacies left to the charity, will include more spacious kennels with individual outdoor exercise areas.

It will also feature isolation facilities where pooches with infectious disease can be nursed back to health.

The revamp, which began in the second week of August, is needed because the kennels are outdated and so are being updated to provide more comfortable and spacious living spaces for the dogs.

The London Road centre will continue to rehome cats and dogs until the work is complete.

It will also still be able to help with rehoming dogs through its Home Direct scheme, which enables pets to be rehomed from their homes rather than having to go into kennels.

Jenna Martyn, Blue Cross senior rehoming manager for Oxfordshire, said: "We are excited to see the building work begin and can't wait for our new centre to take shape.

"We are sure all the dogs currently staying with us will be settled in happy homes by the time the new kennels are built, but there are many more



Blue Cross staff Jess Mead and Emily Holmes with Dotty getting stuck into the preparation for the move to their new home

who will need our help.

"For them the new kennels will mean that their stay with us is as comfortable and stress free as possible."

The two-acre site, which reopened in Lewknor in 2005 after moving from Chalfont St Peter in Buckinghamshire, helped 872 dogs, cats and small

animals including rabbits and guinea pigs last year.

Overall, Blue Cross cares for more than 40,000 sick, injured and abandoned pets each year through its 11 rehoming centres and four animal hospitals.

Visit bluecross.org.uk if you would like to donate or rehome a pet.

InBrief

Get on the ladder

PEOPLE looking to get on the property ladder are being offered a helping hand by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Through the Local Authority Partnership Purchase Scheme (LAPP) people can buy a share in a home with the council purchasing the rest. Occupiers then pay rent to the council to cover its stake.

The scheme is for those who can afford a mortgage but not the deposit.

Go to tinyurl.com/y6vvlxnv for information and to apply.

Groups cash boost

A DIVERSE range of groups carrying out community work in Oxfordshire will receive a share of a housebuilder's £10,000 bursary.

CALA Homes chose 11 causes including Headway Oxfordshire, St Andrew's Primary School (Chinnor) and The Treehouse Trust (Wallingford) from more than 30 applications for the funding.

Up for award

IAN Willox is in the running for an award at the Good Funeral Awards.

Mr Willox, who has been a celebrant in Oxfordshire since 2014, provides humanist weddings, namings, funerals and memorials, has been shortlisted for the Celebrant of the Year award.

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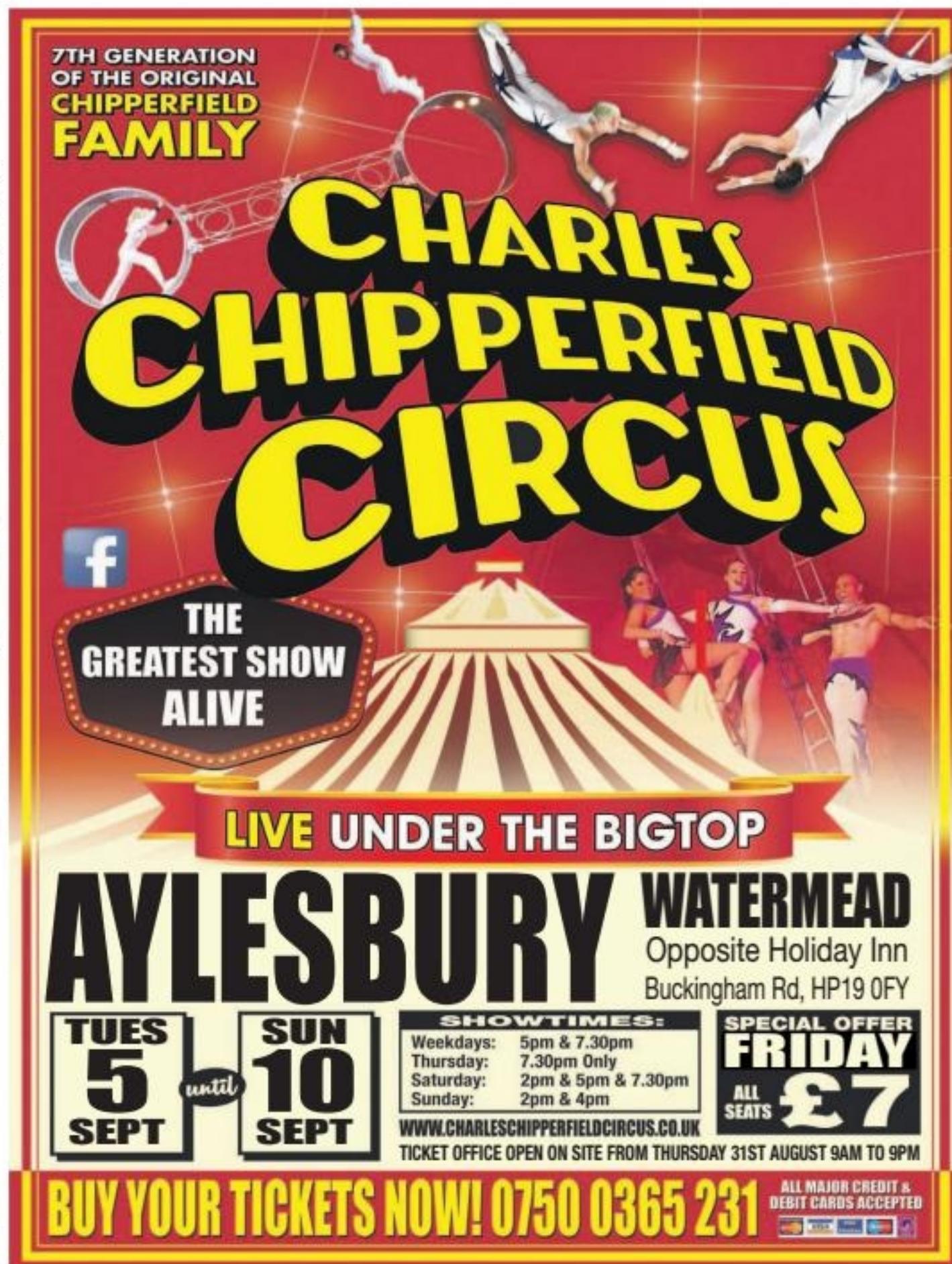
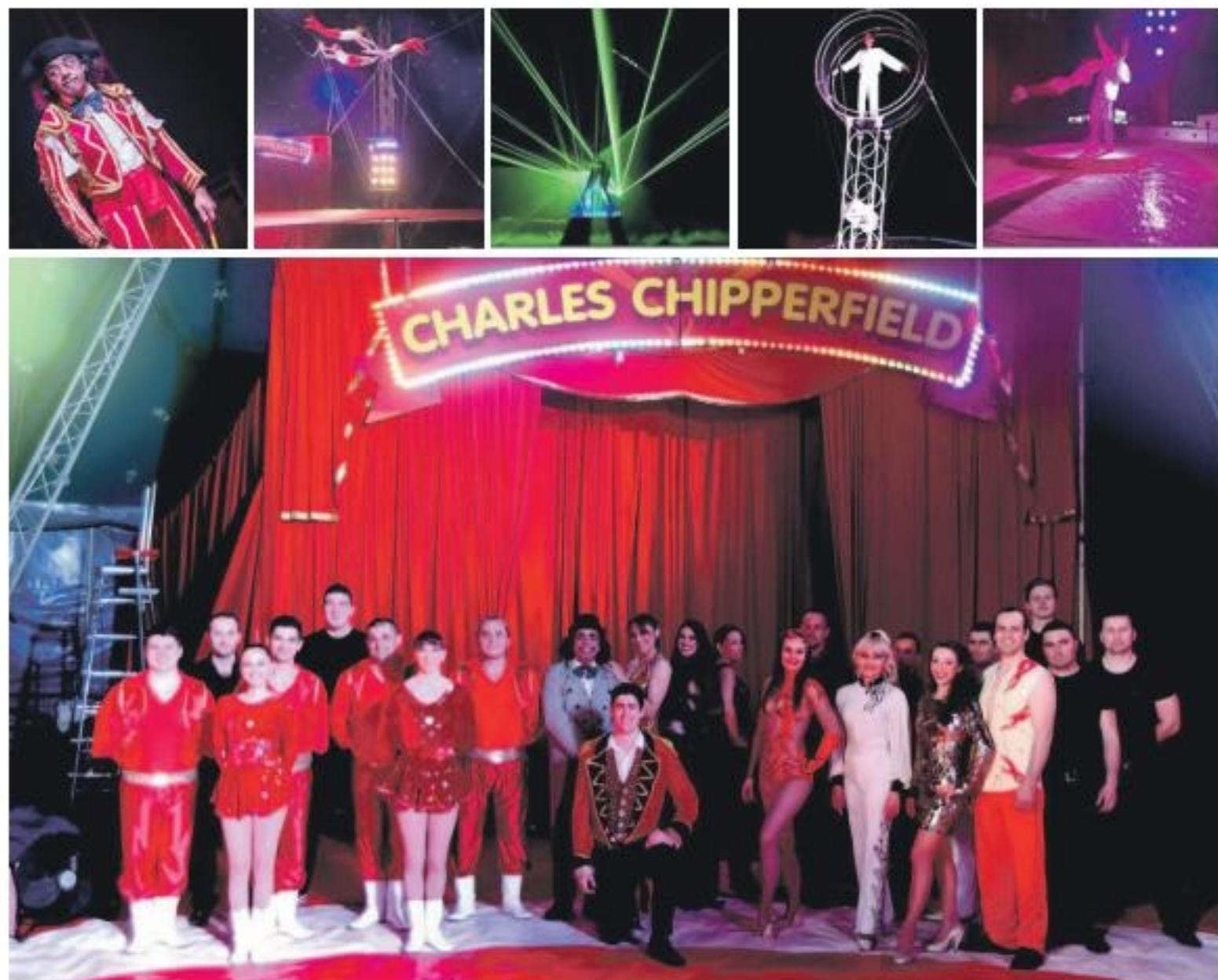
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Share organ donation wish with your family

Plea made after shortage contributes to deaths

By George Welch

NEARLY 50 people in Oxfordshire have died while waiting for an organ transplant over the past 10 years, new figures have revealed.

NHS Blood and Transplant revealed this week that 48 people across the county lost their lives over the last decade partly because families don't know what their relative wanted.

The special health authority, which is responsible for providing efficient supplies of blood to the NHS in England, said families often decide it is safer to say no to organ donation on behalf of their loved ones following their death.

Health experts are now urging people to tell their families they want to become donors as part of Organ Donation Week, which runs until Sunday.

There are currently 59 people waiting for a transplant in Oxfordshire – but the reluctance to talk about the issue is contributing to a 'deadly' shortage of organs.

Anthony Clarkson, assistant director of organ donation and transplantation, said: "It's a tragedy that people are dying unnecessarily every year in Oxfordshire waiting for transplants.

"We know that if everyone who



NHSBT nurse Marc Coe with empty transplant boxes showing missed opportunities

supported donation talked about it and agreed to donate, most of those lives would be saved.

"This Organ Donation Week, tell your family you want to save lives. A few words now can make an extraordinary difference. If you want to save lives, don't leave it too late to talk to your family."

There are currently more than 307,000 Oxfordshire people on the NHS organ donor register.

NHS Blood and Transplant surveys show more than 80 per cent of people support organ donation but only around 49 per cent of people have ever talked about it.

Mr Clarkson said: "If you are unsure about donation, please ask yourselves as a family: what would you do if one of you needed a transplant? Would you accept a life-saving organ? If you'd take an organ, shouldn't you be prepared to donate?"

The authority added that families who have agreed to donate say it helps with their grief and that they feel an enormous sense of pride at knowing their relative gave others the chance of a new beginning.

For more information and to support Organ Donation Week go to tinyurl.com/y85ubvz8

The Porsche 911 Turbo SE 'Flat Nose' cabriolet sold for £245,250
Picture: Silverstone Auctions



Rare Porsche proves to be record breaker

AN extremely rare Porsche 911 broke UK auction records when it sold for nearly £250,000 at a special auction at Blenheim Palace on Saturday.

Nearly £3million was spent as some of the finest vehicles went under the hammer at the exclusive Salon Privé Sale.

One of only 10 made, the 1989 Porsche 911 Turbo SE 'Flat Nose' Cabriolet sold for £245,250, beating the previous record of £211,500.

Another UK auction record

fell earlier in the afternoon when a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VI 'Tommi Makinen' edition roared past its original lower estimate of £34,000 to be sold for £46,688.

Elsewhere at one of the most glamorous sales of the year, a 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray 'Split Window' Coupé attracted a great deal of attention and sold to applause for £102,938, almost £23,000 clear of its lower estimate – another UK auction record.

Other cars to go under the hammer included a 1969 Shelby GT500, 1974 Lamborghini Urraco P250 and a 1972 Rolls Royce Corniche.

Nick Whale, managing director of Silverstone Auctions, which ran the event, said: "It was a very specialised and eclectic collection of cars and I'm very pleased with the records achieved."

Just over half of the 70-strong line-up found a new home.

InBrief

New clinic really is the cat's whiskers

OXFORD'S poorly cats will soon be feline fine following the opening of a new veterinary practice in the city.

The Oxford Cat Clinic has opened a second branch in Marston, following on from the success of their original site in Botley.

It caters exclusively to cats, with the new Marston branch creating four jobs.

Practice manager Melanie Weatherall said: "The modernised facilities will help us keep up with demand and deliver a greater range of services for our patients.

"We're very excited about the future of the business."

The clinic was able to expand thanks to funding from NatWest.

Fun fair in town

A MUCH-LOVED family fun fair is back in Witney next week.

Bob Wilson's fun fair rides are back at the Leys from 5pm to 10pm on September 11 and 12.

The company is fresh from hosting its fair at St Giles, Oxford, earlier this week and will also travel to Thame for September 21 to 23.

Tools taken from van

POLICE are on the hunt for a thief who stole power tools from a van in Chinnor.

The blue Peugeot Boxer van

was parked in Springfield Gardens when the vehicle was broken into between 9.30pm on Sunday and 8am on Monday.

Call the police on 101 if you have seen any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area or have any information relating to the case.

Boogie for charity

DISCO lights, UV lighting, glow paint and lots of fun will feature in a charitable exercise session this weekend.

A 'boogie bounce' themed class will be hosted this Saturday at Witney's Body Evo ladies only fitness studio from 9.30am to 11am to help raise money for Cancer Research.

Friends, husbands, boyfriends and children are all invited to come along to the half-hour sessions.

To book, visit <https://bookwhen.com/bodyevo>.

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STAGECOACH passengers in Oxfordshire can now buy their bus tickets using Apple Pay and Android Pay.

The new payment methods, which can be used through the bus firm's app, will make paying easier for customers.

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News

InBrief

Business survey

BUSINESS leaders across the county are being urged to participate in the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership's (OxLEP) business survey.

This significant piece of online research will provide new insight into the county's business landscape and direct OxLEP's activities.

The research is being conducted online and the questionnaire can be accessed at tinyurl.com/y9e8zat7

Since its inception, OxLEP has secured over £200m in central government funding for Oxfordshire via growth funds.

Red flag for Navy

THAME celebrated Merchant Navy Day by flying the Red Ensign flag above the town hall on Saturday.

At the event, attended by Mayor Tom Wyse, group Thame Remembers commemorated Albert Isaac Cumming, who served in the Merchant Navy but sadly lost his life in the Second World War.

Show you love town

CASH is being raised for the Thame mayor's charities from the sale of new "love Thame" car stickers.

The idea being to 'celebrate the good things happening in and around Thame'.

The stickers are on sale in the Town Hall Information Centre for £2.50.



The pirate ship offering mojitos and the Pimm's teapot were doing brisk business as visitors enjoyed refreshing drinks in the hot afternoon sun



Food festival serves up treats

THOUSANDS enjoyed food and fun in the sun at the Oxford Foodies Festival at the weekend.

There were treats to tempt even the most discerning with stalls offering a wide variety of goodies and samples.



Masterchef 2015 finalist Tony Rodd put on an entertaining display as he cooked a summer lamb dish, inset



Many enjoyed a beer while tucking into some of the many delights on offer as they listened to the live music

South Park all to the backdrop of live music.

When not tucking into the tasty treats on offer, there was a variety of chefs showcasing their skills in the various theatres.

One of the star attractions was Great British Bake Off winner Candice Brown who drew a crowd so big many were stood outside the tent trying to

catch a glimpse of her creations.

Several past Masterchef contestants also cooked up some delicious dishes with sumptuous smells swirling around the park.

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A FARM near Chipping Norton was the UK's fastest-growing farm attraction in 2016, according to figures released by Visit England.

The tourist group's Annual Survey of Visits to Visitor Attractions shows that Fairytale Farm grew by 35.7 per cent last year, compared to the previous year, more than any other attraction in the farm category.

Overjoyed owner Nick Laister said: "Everybody at Fairytale Farm is delighted to find out that we grew more than any other farm in the Visit England survey, which is all the more exciting because this is classed as an official statistic by the UK Statistics Authority."

"I think this is almost entirely down to the hard work of our staff, who are the friendliest you will find at any attraction, big or small."

"This means a lot to me because we were the first attraction in the UK to be designed with disabled children in mind as well as those who are not disabled, so we are open and accessible to all."

The farm describes itself as a sensory and learning wonderland and features



Nick Laister and daughter Olivia

an adventure playground, an enchanted walk with a surprise around every corner, as well as a chance to meet the animals.

And more growth is anticipated for next year's survey following the addition of even more entertainment this year.

Mr Laister added: "We are already over 30 per cent up on last year, which is fantastic, so 2017 should see a repeat of the growth we had in 2016."

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News

Oxford uni is world's best

OXFORD University has topped this year's world university rankings for the second year running.

Cambridge is ranked second, meaning the two UK universities have earned the top spots in the Times Higher Education rankings for the first time in the 13-year history of the table.

In last year's rankings Oxford became the first British university ever to occupy top position in the global table, while Cambridge was ranked fourth.

A key factor in how the institutions are ranked is income, and both universities saw this rise in the past year, particularly through research grants.

The increase in income is partly due to European Union research grants, which could fall with Brexit, according to rankings director Phil Baty.

About a quarter of Cambridge's research income, and a fifth of Oxford's, come in the form of EU grants, which means that Brexit could pose a risk to the global performance of the UK's leading universities.

Other UK universities in the top 50 are Imperial College London in eighth place; University College London, 16th; London School of Economics and Political Science, 25th; University of Edinburgh, 27th; and King's College London, 36th.

The top of the global rankings of 1,000 universities is dominated by US institutions.

Talking buses improve service for passengers

By George Welch

BLIND and partially-sighted bus users in Oxford received a huge boost following the installation of on-board audio-visual 'next stop' information on certain city buses.

The technology has been rolled out across half of Oxford Bus Company's fleet to help accessibility for those who might otherwise be put off using public transport.

The move towards 'talking buses' has been welcomed by charity group Guide Dogs, which has campaigned for years to have this form of aid compulsory on all buses across the UK.

Clive Wood, community engagement officer for the region, said: "Having more buses around the city that have on-board audio information is fantastic news for blind and partially sighted people. This technology makes independent travel for people with sight loss so much easier and less stressful."

He added: "We hope that more bus operators across the UK will follow Oxford Bus Company by introducing audio-visual information systems on buses."

The charity's campaign took a big step forward late last year when the government made an amendment to



Oxford Bus Company's Andy Morison, Dee Beach from Guide Dogs, Oxford Bus Company MD Phil Southall, bus users Oxford chairman Hugh Jaeger, Layla Moran MP and Clive Wood from Guide Dogs and his dog Winnie

the Bus Services Bill to require all buses to provide accessible next stop and final destination information for people with visual impairments.

The Bill is due to become law later this year.

At the launch last week, Oxford West and Abingdon MP Layla Moran took part in a blindfold walk to experience accessing a bus with sight loss.

Phil Southall, managing director

of the bus firm, said: "We are fully committed to making our services as accessible as possible for all of our passengers and support the Guide Dogs campaign."

He added: "Half of our bus fleet, some 55 buses, are now fully equipped with audio-visual technology that ensures our visually impaired passengers receive additional support during their journeys."

InBrief

Wanted on recall



A MAN is wanted on recall to prison.

Josh Abbott, 21, is wanted because he has breached the terms of his license conditions.

He is white, about 6ft tall, of a slim build, with brown hair and blue eyes. He is believed to be in the Didcot area.

Investigating officer Sergeant Mark Allmond, said the man is not considered a danger but should not be approached and advised the public to call 999 if they see him.

Cuttle Brook work

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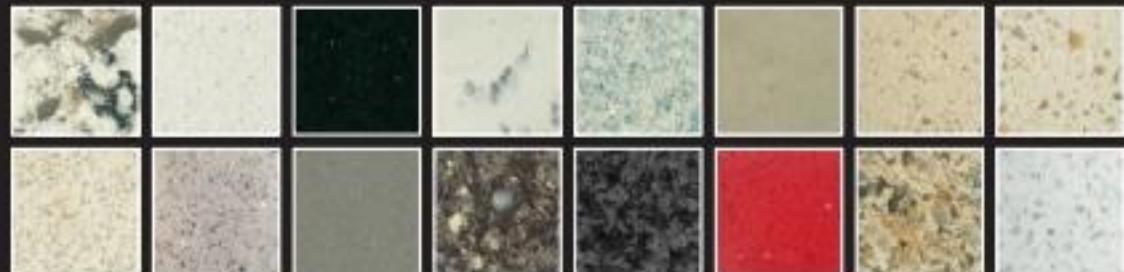
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Hospice's postcard fundraiser

By Adam Flinn

A FUNDRAISING project has been launched to create postcard-sized artwork in tribute to a woman who lost her fight with cancer last year.

Beth Foreman from Abingdon was just 32 when she died at Sobell House Hospice in Headington last May.

In her memory, family friend Veronica Brooks has set up 'My Lovely Postcards' to get artists to create the small pieces, which will then be auctioned for the hospice.

Local artists Malcolm Moseley, Steve Brookes and Frieda Hughes are already involved, with an exhibition of the work being held at The Jam Factory in Hollybush Row, Oxford, from October 11.

It is part of Beth's Bursary Fund, which was set up by her friends and family after her death to raise money

for the hospice. Veronica said: "Like all the Foreman family and friends I was devastated by the all-too-sudden death of such a lively, creative young woman as Beth."

"On hearing of Beth's Bursary Fund, it seemed very appropriate to ask other creative people to donate images for an exhibition and auction."

"As Neil, Beth's father, often called his daughter 'my lovely', the name My Lovely Postcards was obvious for a fundraising effort in tribute to Beth."

Beth's Bursary Fund will help finance training for specialist palliative nurses at the hospice to improve their skills and knowledge in end of life care.

Libby Aley, part of Sobell House's fundraising team is organising the auction. She said: "The passion Beth's friends and family have shown is incredible and we are so very thankful.

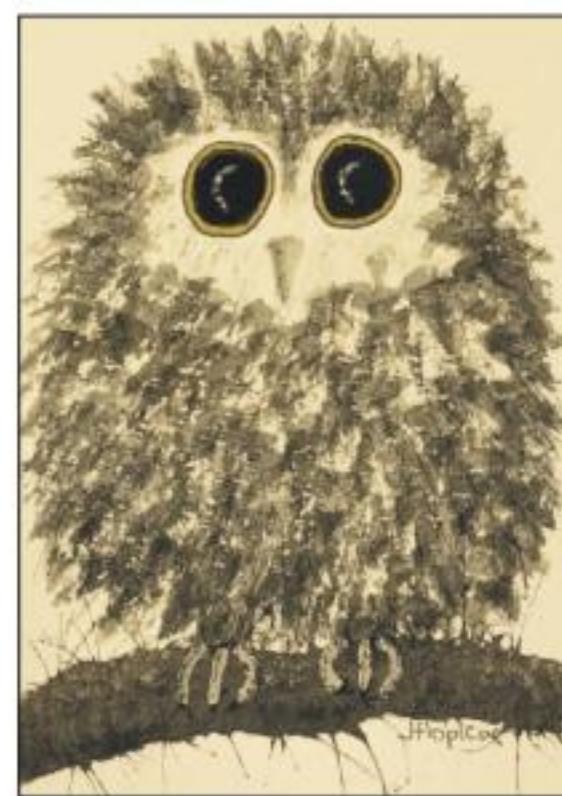
"This campaign is so appropriate for Beth's memory since she was a very



Beth Foreman died last year and right, one of the postcards

creative person and loved art, and we really hope the local community get involved and help us raise vital funds in Beth's memory.

"By doing so, you will be helping the team at Sobell House to offer more palliative and expert end of life care to patients and families affected by a



terminal illness across Oxfordshire."

Details of the auction can be found at sobellhouse.org, closer to the time.

InBrief

Show you care

PEOPLE are being urged to nominate organisations, care services, staff and volunteers who have gone the extra mile to deliver exceptional care.

The request is from Charity Age UK Oxfordshire, which has launched its annual Dignity in Care Awards.

A spokesperson said: "We want to know about health and social care services anywhere in Oxfordshire, and we want to know about services for everyone - whatever age."

Previous winners have included health professionals, care homes, unpaid carers and volunteers who have made an outstanding contribution.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 2 and the awards will be presented in November.

For more information visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/news-campaigns/dignityincare/](http://ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/news-campaigns/dignityincare/)

Team praised again

A HOSPITAL catering team is celebrating after being awarded the highest rating for the fifth year in a row.

The restaurant at Horton Treatment Centre was once again awarded five stars for its catering service following an unannounced visit from the Cherwell Food Standards Agency on August 14.

The catering team said they are incredibly pleased their hard work and dedication has been recognised.

New stroke detection scan could help to save lives

A NEW type of scan that can predict the risk of having a stroke has been developed by researchers at Oxford University.

The new technique has been developed to try and tackle the 'third biggest killer in the UK'.

The study sought to show whether the arteries which supply blood to the brain are rich in cholesterol and therefore more likely to cause

a stroke. In the study, the 'fatty' or 'carotid plaques' which indicate the levels of cholesterol in arteries and can be dangerous if ruptured, were surgically removed from 26 patients to identify the level of risk.

One of the authors, Dr Luca Biasioli, from Oxford University, said: "Being able to quantify cholesterol in carotid plaques is a really exciting prospect, as this new MRI technique

could help doctors to identify patients at higher risk of stroke and make more informed decisions on their treatments."

There are more than 100,000 strokes in the UK each year, around a quarter of which are caused by carotid plaques.

The study was a collaboration between researchers at Oxford University and surgeons at the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Professor Sir Nilesh Samani, medical director at the BHF, which part-funded the study, said: "This exciting research opens up the possibility that in the future we may be able to more accurately identify people with carotid plaques that are likely to rupture and cause a stroke."

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It's been ten years since I regularly graced TV screens helping transform people's living spaces with MDF and stripped floorboards. Recently it's been more "celebrity muck out" than "celebrity make-over" as I took up the challenge of owning my own Wildlife Zoo in Tenby. In this time I've learnt quite a lot about fences and having researched the various options for my own benefit I thought I would share my knowledge with a wider audience.

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mean there is now a tremendous array of fencing products for you to choose from, constructed from a variety of materials. Each has its own attributes, and ultimately it can often come down to a matter of personal preference. For me, there was one unique system that stood out as providing the best balance between price and functionality which eradicates fencing problems for good. Or for at least 25 years. Colourfence. For quality, value, longevity, aesthetic design, this fencing system ticks all the boxes. Fencing made for

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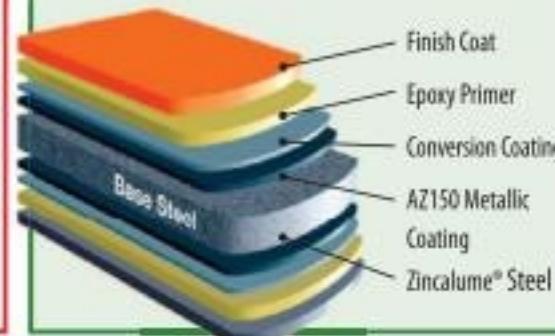
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Each ticket includes your first 10 wine samples, and wines can also be purchased by the glass or by the

bottle when you find that wine that just hits the spot.

Many of the tutored tastings are already fully booked so check out the website first www.oxfordwinefestival.org, but don't let that put you off as you'll still be able to sample many and pick up some expert advice and tips along the way.

The festival takes place in three sessions: Friday from 6pm to 10pm and Saturday from 12.30pm to 4.30pm and then from 6pm to 10pm.

Book your tickets now, or subscribe to the Oxford Wine Festival newsletter to receive regular updates and special offers from local wine merchants.

In the garden with Tom Nicholas of Me, My Spade and I

Doing such a labour-intensive job like gardening, it can take its toll and chilling out in a pretty pub garden always does the trick! I do love to sit with a pint in my hand in a traditional pub, enjoying a summer evening. As we say hello to September I am certainly making the most of the warmer evenings we're still enjoying. On that note, I thought I would share a few of my favourite pub gardens in Oxfordshire that are worth a trip.

The Trout, Wolvercote

Steeped in history, the pub is located on the river and overlooks the weir. Quite often you will be sat on the terrace and the odd duck will pop up and see whether there is any bread or the odd chip on offer. The first ever episode of Inspector Morse was filmed here and was a favourite place for Bill and Hillary Clinton when their daughter Chelsea was studying at Oxford.

The Perch, Bisney Lane

This pub has an enormous garden with lots of seating and different areas so it never feels busy. It is dog friendly too, so often I'll bring Ernie, my partner in crime as there is a lovely walk straight from the front door. In fact, you can walk from the city centre to the pub (or vice versa) and depending on how quickly you want to walk, you can do it in 30 minutes. The wooden rabbit in the garden is a nod to Lewis Carroll, rumour

has it, the pub was an inspiration for Alice in Wonderland. With big weeping willow trees and a pretty path that leads down to the river, decorated with ornamental arches and fairy lights it is a gorgeous pub.

The Black Boy, Headington



You know this pub is going to have a nice garden as welcoming hanging baskets and window boxes are immaculate. The magnificent Peace tree was given to the pub by the convent next door in 1937 takes centre stage, complete with a stylish table that has been built around it. At night, fairy lights and candles twinkle in the night sky. The Black Boy is one of those pub gardens that I always think it is one of Oxford's best kept secrets. It does the best burger I think I've ever eaten... and fish and chips and a fabulous Sunday Roast too.



Tom Nicholas founded the gardening company Me, My Spade & I. Tom will share his adventures, experiences and advice on what needs doing in the garden and how to do it.

The Nut Tree, Murcott

Away from the city to the village of Murcott is a 15th century thatched traditional village pub which serves great modern British food in the restaurant but you can still enjoy a pint. They even have their own Nut Tree ales which are well worth a try.

The garden has a decorative pond which is home to karp and goldfish, an old vintage tractor and is beautifully maintained with hanging baskets and flowers. The chefs grow a lot of their own fruit and veg too. You can really see they take such pride in growing their own produce, if only more pubs and restaurants had the space to do this.

■ Which pub gardens do you enjoy most and why, share your love of the British pub garden by tweeting me @ MEMYSPADEANDI

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Win tickets to Suzanne Vega

By Samantha McGregor

LUKA and Tom's Diner are probably her best known hits but there's so much more to Suzanne Vega as you can find out when she plays Oxford's New Theatre next month.

The singer-songwriter will take to the stage at the New Theatre for one night only on Monday, October 2 as part of her 2017 12-date anniversary tour.

This year marks the 30th and 25th anniversaries of her albums Solitude Standing and 99.9F respectively.

The New York based singer will perform both in full, as well as tracks from throughout her career.

And despite those hits being some of those she has been performing the longest she still views them with affection.

She said: "These songs were written and recorded many years ago, but I still love playing them live, and have ever since the albums first came out."

Vega emerged in the 1980s as a leading folk-rock music figure, armed with only her acoustic guitar.

Solitude Standing - her second album - was released in 1987 and

went to number two in the UK charts.

Five years later in 1992 she released 99.9F which had a more electronic sound, described at the time as 'techno folk'.

In total Vega has released nine studio albums.

Born in Santa Monica, California, Vega grew up in Spanish Harlem and the Upper West Side of New York City.

She says she picked up a guitar at the age of 11 and then as a teenager started to write songs.

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On stage

Reggae trio come from far to Oxford

NEW YORK city based reggae trio New Kingston have a date at The Bullingdon this autumn.

Signed to Easy Star Records, the band are hitting the road with their new fourth album, A Kingston Story: Come From Far, released this month and a follow up to Kingston City.

The band will join The Skints for their September and October shows - stopping in Oxford on October 4.

The opening title track Come From Far encompasses the band's live energy while the vocals highlight the band's journey - where they come from, where they're at, and where they're going.

Guitarist and vocalist Stephen said: "Everyone has a journey they are on or one that has ended. It all starts somewhere and we are no different."

New Kingston's journey started in 2006, when three brothers - Tahir on keyboard and vocals, Courtney Junior on drums and vocals, and Stephen - debuted as a band after years of playing music together in the family basement.

This band of brothers, under the watchful eye of their father and bassist Courtney Panton Senior, called themselves New Kingston, to reflect their Jamaican heritage and their present lives in New York City.

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Out&About

Getting old before his time

By Samantha McGregor

A COURSE in Hispanic studies and a spell as a chef may seem like an unusual career path for a comedian but it's the one that Jon Richardson followed.

He takes to the stage at Oxford's New Theatre for one-night only on Tuesday September 26 with his Old Man tour.

Jon, the star of Channel 4's '8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown', is back on the road this autumn with the second leg of his Old Man tour.

Since his last show, Jon has become a husband and father, seen the UK vote to leave the EU and watched the rise of Donald Trump.

Despite all of that, for Jon the big question is, Why does it seem that no one else alive can correctly load a dishwasher?

British Comedy Award nominee and three times runner-up in Heat Magazine's 'Weird Crush' poll, Jon makes a return to live stand-up following his 2014 sell-out 'Nidiot' tour.

This latest show kicked off in Ireland in February and by the end of the year he will have performed more than 100 gigs across the UK.

Jon has also been massively in demand for television and radio appearances including Have I Got News For You, The One Show and Live At The Apollo as well as Channel 4's Comedy Gala Live At The O2.

In 2012 he wrote the book 'It's Not Me, It's You' and co-hosted with Russell Howard on BBC6 music.

Jon, who is married to fellow comedian Lucy Beaumont, was born and raised in Lancaster. After finishing school he embarked on a Hispanic studies course at the University of Bristol, but dropped

out part way through.

After working for a while as a chef, he decided to pursue a career as a comedian.

He continued to live in Bristol with fellow comedians Russell Howard, Mark Olver and John Robbins and later in Swindon and London.

He took part in a BBC new talent comedy search, the Edinburgh Festival, supported Alan Carr on a tour and appeared at The Comedy Store, and started to make a name for himself on television and radio.

If you miss the Oxford dates Jon will also appear at Aylesbury's Waterside Theatre and the Hexagon, in Reading.

For tickets go to atgtickets.com/oxford



On stage

Oh no it isn't, oh yes it is... it's panto time

IT may still be summer, but the Sinodun Players have got one thing on their mind – their new year panto.

The 2018 show is Cinderella and will take to the stage at Wallingford's Corn Exchange, from January 12 to 27.

Roles are up for grabs and director Marilyn Leadbetter is keen to hear from any would-be thespians.

The first read-through of the script has taken place as did auditions for the three main roles of Cinders, Prince Charming and Buttons.

But auditions for the rest of the cast will be held on October 10 and 12 at St John's School, Wallingford, with rehearsals starting on October 16.

Mrs Leadbetter said all were welcome to audition for a role.

She added: "A word about Buttons - he/she is essentially the funny man and will be responsible for slapstick with robots and a member of the audience and will be doing a kids' song with one, or all, of the robots.

"The actor therefore needs to be confident with audience participation."

To register a general interest in appearing in the pantomime contact Marilyn Leadbetter on marilynleadbetter@icloud.com.

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Simple steps homeowners can take now to protect their assets.

Head of April King Legal Paul King explains why some homeowners are doing **too little, too late** to protect their hard-earned assets.

Care Cost Fees

"A lot of people are still unaware that if they need care in later life, their assets will be means-tested by the Local Authority to help pay for these services."

"The Local Authority will look to use the assets of a person until they get down to a lower limit of £14,250, when the Local Authority will take over the fees."

"For instance, my own grandmother sadly passed away recently at the age of 92. My grandfather had died many years earlier and left everything to her."

"When she needed care in the last six years of her life, because my grandfather had left everything to her, the house and all the estate was counted in the Local Authority's means test."

"Our clients tell us, 'We've worked hard all our lives, why should the Local Authority get it all?'"

"Just as she died, she had gone down to that lower limit of £14,250 and that's all her children inherited."

"There are many myths about the steps people can take to protect their assets from being used like this."

"The main one is that a parent should simply sign their house over to the children now, so it won't be taken into consideration for means testing. That's just not true."

"Local Authorities will actually look to see if you've 'deliberately deprived' yourself of an asset by giving property away, going back over any period in time."

"Sometimes people think that if the gift is made seven years prior then the house is safe. This is not so as the seven-year rule only applies to Inheritance Tax and not Local Authority care."

"The solution is for couples to simply not leave everything to each other in the first place."

"What my grandfather could have done is leave his half of the house in trust to his children, stating that they couldn't have it while his wife, my grandmother, was still alive. We call these Property Trust Wills."

"If my grandfather had left his half of the house in trust to the children then when my grandmother subsequently received care in her later life she would only have been means tested on her own half of the house, but my grandfather's half would have been safe."

Why should he have to contribute his half when he didn't receive any care?

"The important factor is that couples need to act in advance. Once one party dies or loses mental capacity, through a stroke for example, then they are no longer in a position to do this legitimate and straightforward type of planning."

"It is therefore important for couples to act now even if they may not foresee care fees being an issue."

Paul goes on to explain that most clients he sees are surprised to learn remarriage usually cancels a Will and makes the spouse next in line to inherit, ahead of their own children! Protecting your half of the house in this way, he suggests, ensures that your children ultimately inherit when the survivor dies.

"Had my grandmother remarried after the death of my grandfather the whole estate could have passed sideways out of the family," says Paul.

Lasting Power of Attorney

Paul explains how people often get confused thinking that, because they have made a Will, their executors can also deal with assets if there is illness, stroke or some other form of incapacity while they are still alive.

"Everyone should actually have two documents – a Will that deals with their estate on death, and a Lasting Power of Attorney that deals with their estate during their lifetime," he says.

"There are two types of Lasting Power of Attorney – one deals with finance, the other deals with health and welfare."

"In many ways it's similar to a passport; a document that's registered now and one which can be physically handed to the attorneys should the need arise."

"It allows the attorneys, perhaps the children, to deal with the banks and pension companies etc should their parent become incapacitated, but also to deal with matters such as where the parent should be living and how they should receive care."

"Your attorneys, again perhaps your children, must legally act in your best interests at all times."

"You can choose a number of attorneys to act, either jointly or independently, and April King advises on the various options available."

Couples are often surprised to discover that even joint bank accounts can be frozen until the bank sees sight of a Lasting Power of Attorney document.

"Having a Lasting Power of Attorney removes the burden on children should ill health happen further down the line."

"It helps a family deal with bank accounts and so on during a parent's lifetime and ceases on death."

"Crucially, you have to complete a Lasting Power of Attorney while you are still in good mental health."

"If someone becomes ill through say, a stroke or dementia, this option is lost and the family would have to apply for a Deputyship Order from the Court of Protection – a drawn out and expensive process."

"It is therefore a good idea for clients to plan ahead and remove any future burden from the family."

"Once again, all adults should be thinking of this, particularly when there are children or a business involved."

"It's not just something to think about when you get older, that's the challenge for us."

People think, 'I'm not ill, why do I need to make a Power of Attorney?' But they're missing the point. This is a document that has to be done in advance.



Paul King, Head of April King Legal

"The Lasting Power of Attorney remains in place until you die unless you want to cancel it."

"Once it's registered, you don't have to worry if you then develop some debilitating illness. A burden has been removed from the family at an already difficult time."

Bloodline Trust Wills

The majority of April King's clients have already made standard 'Mirror Wills' with other firms before approaching the Firm. A Mirror Will is when a couple leave everything to each other on the first death, then to the children when the second partner dies. But modern family life means these type of Wills leave a lot to chance.

Explains Paul: "If I have a Mirror Will leaving everything to my wife and she remarries or goes into care after my death then either the new husband or the Local Authority are likely to inherit most, if not all, of my estate ahead of my children."

Even if my children are named in my Mirror Will, it is by no means certain that they will inherit anything.

"Once again, this is because a remarriage would cancel the Will my wife had previously made with me and make the new husband next-of-kin."

"This often comes as a big shock to my clients who had perhaps thought that all was in order and that the family bloodline would one day inherit."

"The same is true for thinking that their children and/or grandchildren will one day benefit under a Mirror Will."

"If any of your children should die leaving everything to their husband or wife and that son-in-law or daughter-in-law should then remarry, then your grandchildren would be the ones to lose out under the line of inheritance."

Worse still, someone else's grandchildren would be in line to receive the benefit of all your years of hard work.

"I've experienced this in my own family and I'm sure most people have had similar experiences or heard of someone who has."

"Bloodline Trust Wills give greater protection to your children."

"These type of Wills not only give your children complete control and access to the inheritance they receive from you, they also grant added protection from the twists and turns of modern family life."

"The wording in these Wills states that any money left over on their demise must pass to any children born of them – your grandchildren."

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tion as the timeless music of Marvin Gaye, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder, The Temptations, The Supremes, The Four Tops, Martha Reeves, Jackson 5, Smokey Robinson and more, are sensationally recreated for you by an exceptionally talented cast and band.

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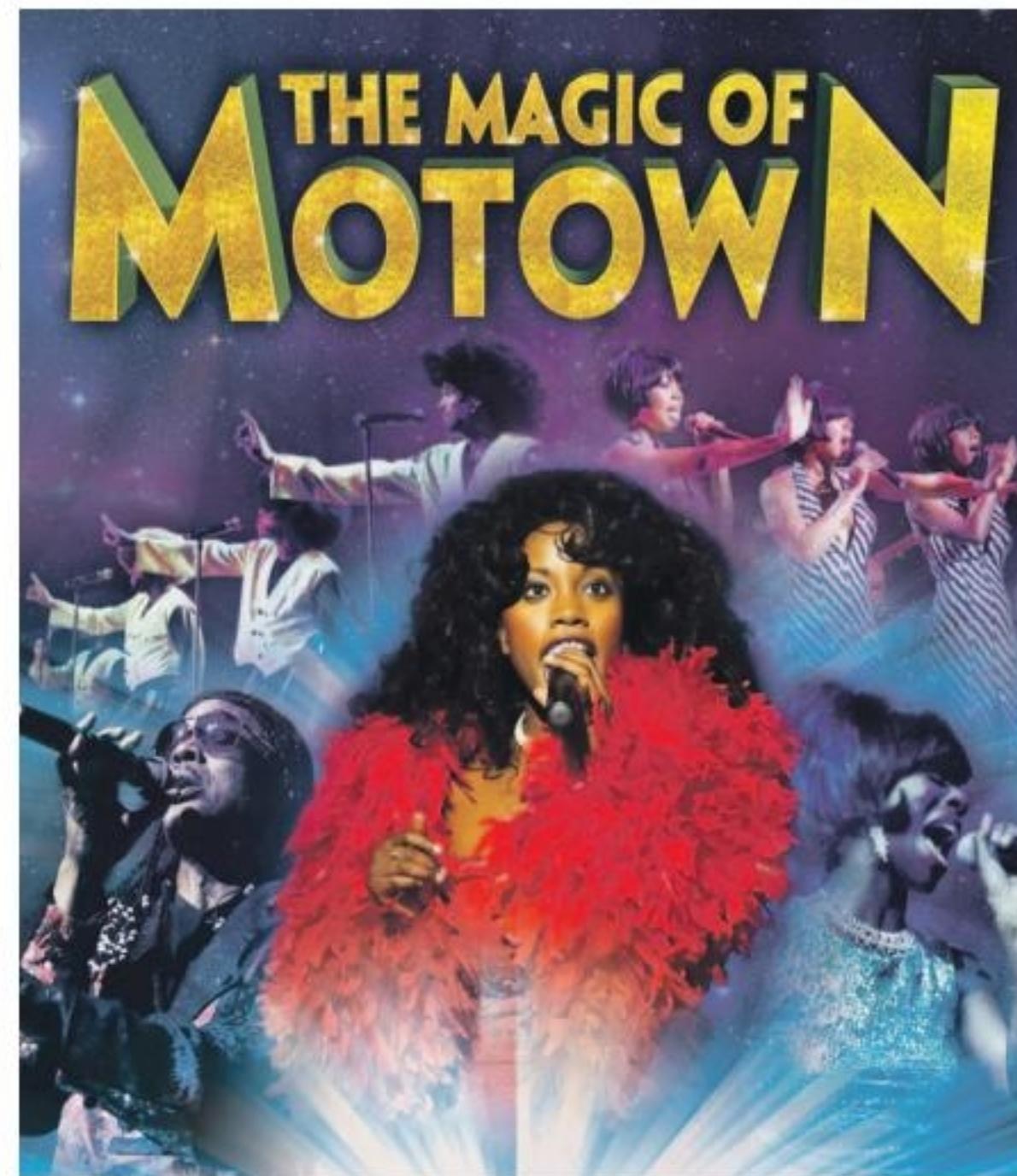
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Q: With which town is Motown Records associated?

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WORDWHEEL

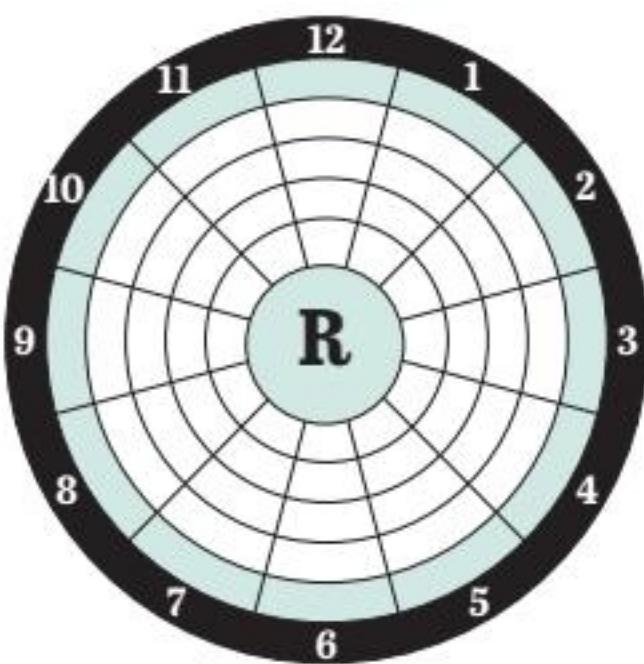
You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.

**How you rate:**

6 words, average; 9 words, good; 12 words, very good; 15 or more, excellent.

CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter R in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer circle will spell out the name of a Chilean footballer.



1. Angora	7. Speaker
2. Fisherman	8. Crockery item
3. Beam	9. Reply
4. Horses' gait	10. Work
5. Christian festival	11. Seem
6. Food store	12. Older

NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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THE CLUES:

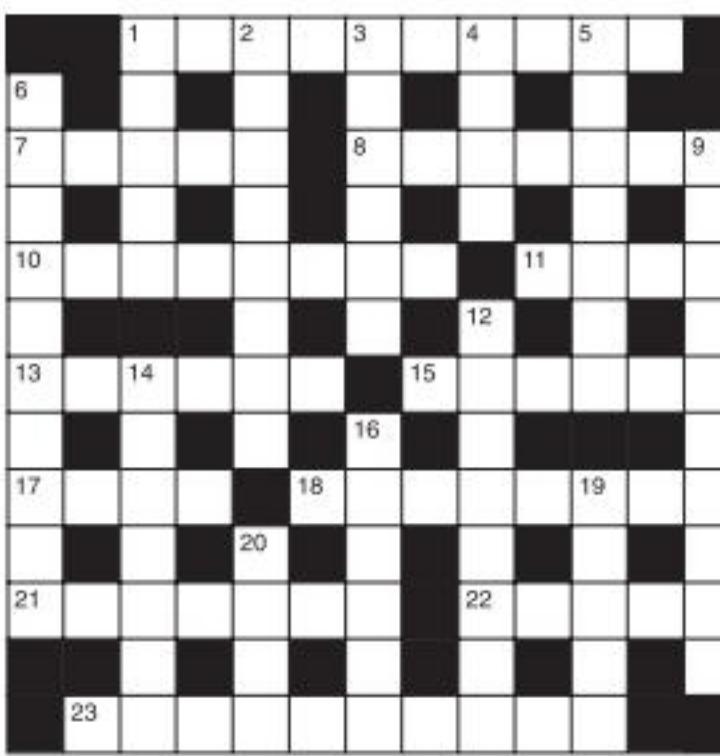
9431964 gives a form of transport;
94357 gives a form of transport;
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DOUBLE CROSSWORD**Cryptic Clues:****Across**

- Understanding that's becoming popular (8,2)
- I follow a M. East country language (5)
- Gives away? (7)
- Propose to men in a disturbed state (8)
- Fifty stick around, looking far from pleased (4)
- It's used to lift - or bring down (6)
- He ensures he has a nap standing up! (6)
- Apparently I want a lot in the same place (4)
- Light entertainment to repeat, perhaps (8)
- It's not a false description (7)
- Delia's perfect form (5)
- As Samson was when shorn of his locks? (10)

Down

- Demand for miners after a strike (5)
- Possibly altering a figure (8)
- Customs spurned by nudists (6)
- Put down some money (4)
- Craft losing many wise men (7)
- Impressive thing to wear (6,4)
- Take a turn in the air (10)
- Girl next door? (4,4)
- As a wine it comes up to a blend of china (7)
- A portion for each (6)
- The way things go? (5)
- Growing source of money? (4)

**Quick Clues:****Across**

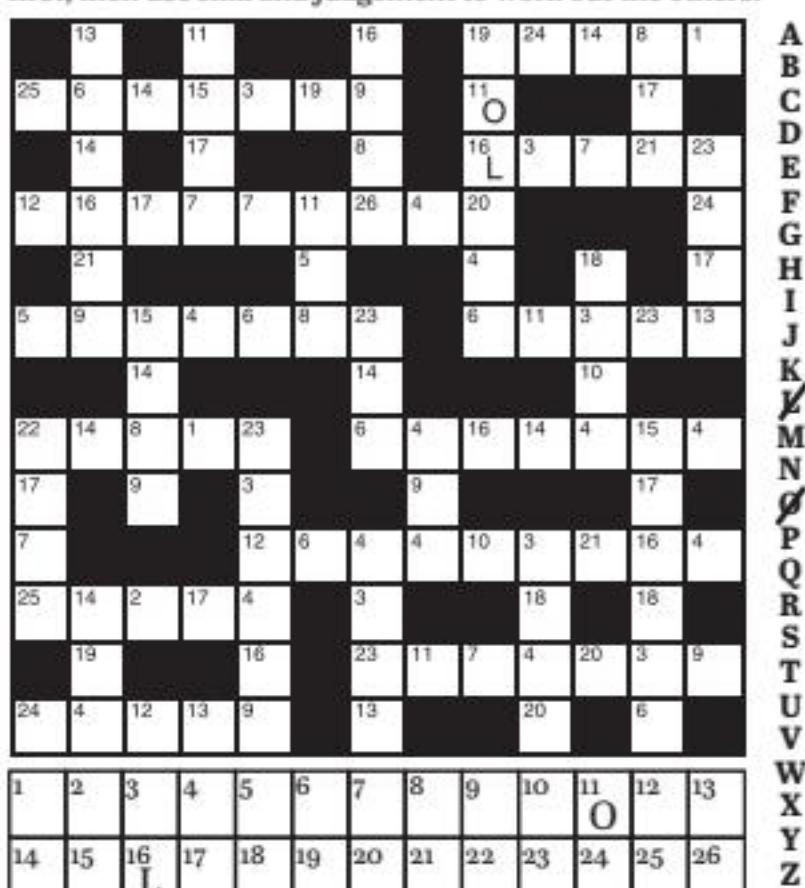
- Medley (10)
- Aquatic animal (5)
- Contrary (7)
- Predict (8)
- Fair (4)
- As a wine it comes up to a blend of china (7)
- A portion for each (6)
- The way things go? (5)
- Growing source of money? (4)

Down

- A measurer (5)
- Close inquiry (8)
- Empower (6)
- Exist (4)
- Foster (7)
- Appropriate (10)
- Undertaking (10)
- Feign illness (8)
- Rebuke (7)
- Confer (6)
- Estimate (5)
- Later (10)

CODEWORD

Codeword is the crossword puzzle with no clues. The number in each square corresponds to a letter. Work out the words in the grid using the letters provided. Fill in these known letters first, then use skill and judgement to work out the others.

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS****DOUBLE CROSSWORD:**

Cryptic: Across: 6 Arduous; 7 Amber; 9 Ass; 10 Intimates; 12 Make believe; 15 Predominant; 17 Read in bed; 19 Era; 21 Heats; 22 Changes.

Down: 1 Fresh; 2 Gun; 3 Turn; 4 Impatient; 5 Reserve; 8 Pigeon; 11 Candidate; 13 Ermine; 14 Creeper; 16 Armed; 18 Echo; 20 Gnu.

SUDOKU:

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3	6	1	2	4	5	9	7	8
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CODEWORD:

1=P, 2=L, 3=F, 4=J, 5=Q, 6=M, 7=Y, 8=G, 9=W, 10=B, 11=O, 12=S, 13=H, 14=V, 15=X, 16=N, 17=E, 18=K, 19=D, 20=Z, 21=C, 22=U, 23=A, 24=T, 25=R, 26=L.

WORD WHEEL:

ENUMERATE.

SUDOKU

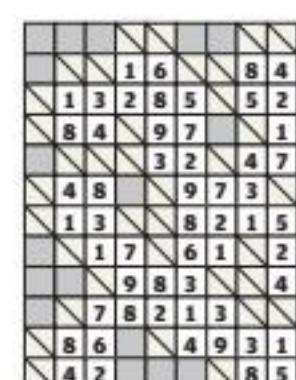
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS**CLOCKWORD:**

1 Mitten, 2 Intern, 3 Cannon, 4 Kitten, 5 Happen, 6 Urchin, 7 Cavern, 8 Kaftan, 9 Norman, 10 Action, 11 Lotion, 12 London.

SUDOKU:

4	1	8	6	5	9	2	7	3
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CELEBRITY: Mick Hucknall.**NINER:**
PARTICLES.**KAKURO:****SPLIT DECISION:**

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SPLIT DECISION

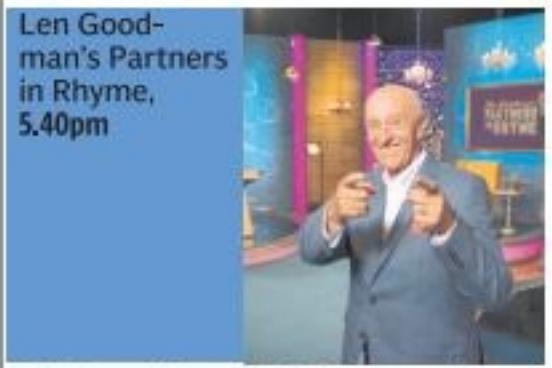
Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

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U	S	A	N	G
Y	S	N	K	H
S	H	T	P	S
E	G	S	T	T

Saturday September 9th

DAYTIME

BBC1



6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 Nadiya's British Food Adventure (S)(R) 12.00 Football Focus (S) 1.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.15 Athletics: Great North CityGames (S) 3.15 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.00 Final Score (S) 5.20 BBC News (S) 5.30 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 5.40 Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme (S) 6.10 Pointless Celebrities (S)(R)

7

7.00 Strictly Come Dancing Launch Show 2017 New series. The pro-celebrity dance contest returns. (S)

8

8.40 BBC News; Weather (S)

9

9.00 Last Night of the Proms The second half of the concert, broadcast live from London's Royal Albert Hall; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

10

10.30 Match of the Day Including highlights of Manchester City v Liverpool. (S)

11

11.55 The NFL Show Mark Chapman looks at the major stories shaping the NFL. (S)

12

12.25 FILM The Rookie (2002) (U) Fact-based baseball drama, starring Dennis Quaid. (S) 2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 2.30 BBC News (S)

BBC2



9.15 FILM The Fox and the Child (2007) (U) (S) 10.45 Railways of the Great War with Michael Portillo (S)(R) 11.15 Wanted Down Under (S)(R) 12.00 Rick Stein's Long Weekends (S)(R) 1.00 Coast Australia (S)(R) 1.50 FILM Emma (1996) (U) (S) 3.45 Mastermind (S)(R) 4.15 University Challenge (S)(R) 4.45 Only Connect (S)(R) 5.15 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 6.15 The Big Family Cooking Showdown (S)(R)

7.15 Last Night of the Proms The first half of the BBC's Last Night Prom. (S)

9.00 FILM X+Y (2014) (12) Premiere. Comedy drama, with Asa Butterfield and Rafe Spall. (S)

10.45 FILM What Women Want (2000) (12) Romantic comedy, with Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt. (S)

12.45 FILM Miss Bala (2011) (15) Crime drama, starring Stephanie Sigman. 2.35 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV



8.30 Scrambled! Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles (R) 9.05 Scrambled! Adventure Time (S) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Saturday Morning with James Martin (S) 11.25 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.25 The X Factor (S)(R) 1.30 ITV Racing: Live from Haydock (S) 4.30 The Chase (S)(R) 5.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 5.40 ITV News (S) 6.00 The Family Chase (S)

7.00 Cannonball Water-based obstacle course challenge, hosted by Andrew Flintoff. (S)

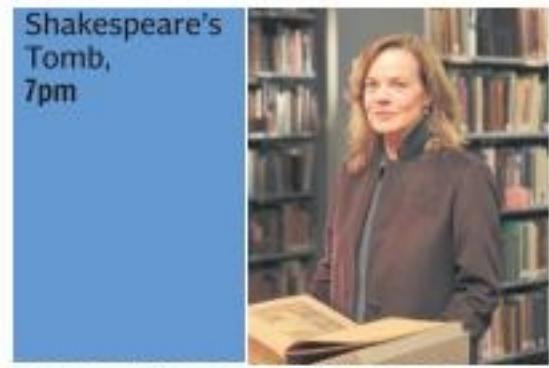
8.00 The X Factor The third rounds of auditions gets under way. (S)

9.15 The Jonathan Ross Show With Jack Dee, Natalie Dormer and Rag 'n' Bone Man. (S)

10.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 10.35 FILM United 93 (2006) (15) Fact-based drama about the fourth plane hijacked in the September 11 attacks. With Christian Clemenson. (S)

12.40 Jackpot247 3.00 The Hungry Sailors (S)(R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



6.10 Mobil 1 The Grid (S) 6.35 Motor Sport: Volkswagen Racing Cup (S) 7.05 Motor Sport: Mini Challenge (S) 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.25 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.50 The Simpsons (S) (R) 11.50 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 2.25 Big House, Little House (S) 3.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun (S)(R) 5.35 Location, Location, Location (S) (R) 6.30 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Shakespeare's Tomb The surprising results of a two-year archaeological investigation of Shakespeare's grave. (S)(R)

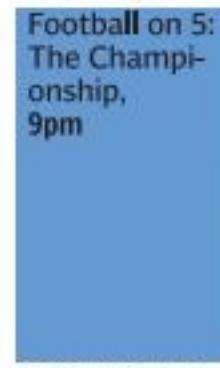
8.00 Great Canal Journeys: India Part two of two, Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore the Brahmaputra river. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM X-Men: First Class (2011) (12) Superhero adventure prequel, starring James McAvoy and Michael Fassbender. (S)

11.40 FILM The Tourist (2010) (12) Romantic thriller, with Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie. (S)

1.25 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA (S)(R) 2.20 The State (S)(R) 3.15 Hollyoaks (S) 5.25 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free (S)(R) 5.30 Four in a Bed (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 Milkshake! 10.20 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (S)(R) 10.55 Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud 2 (S) (R) 11.15 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 3.05 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door (S)(R) 4.00 Murdered: Nightmare Neighbour Next Door Residents in Guildford object to their neighbour opening a "cannabis cafe". (S)(R) 5.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v West Indies. (S)

8.00 The Great Fire: London Burns Dan Jones, Suzannah Lipscomb and Rob Bell examine the Great Fire of London. (S)(R) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship Including highlights of Fulham v Cardiff City. (S)

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush Including highlights of AFC Wimbledon v Portsmouth. (S) 10.30 Hijacked The 1970 hijacking of five passenger jets by Palestinian militants. (S)

11.30 Criminals: Caught on Camera Nick Wallis joins the Met's robbery squads on a Friday night shift. (S)(R) 11.55 Access (S)(R)

12.10 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Exploding Sun (S) 4.40 Access (S) 4.50 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.20 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Emmerdale 8.50 Coronation Street 11.20 The X Factor 12.20 Celebrity Catchphrase 1.20 You've Been Framed! Top 100 Talent 2.20 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.50 FILM: Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG) Comedy, starring Kevin James. 3.50 FYI Daily 3.55 FILM: Paul Blart: Mall Cop (2009) (PG) Concluded. 4.45 FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Reese Witherspoon and Josh Lucas. 5.45 FYI Daily 5.50 FILM: Sweet Home Alabama (2002) (12) Concluded. 6.50 FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. 7.50 FYI Daily 7.55 FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) (12) Concluded. 9.00 FILM: American Pie 2 (2001) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Jason Biggs. 10.05 FYI Daily 10.10 FILM: American Pie 2 (2001) (15) Concluded. 11.10 Family Guy 12.55 FILM: Forgetting Sarah Marshall (2008) (15) 3.00 Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Murder, She Wrote 7.50 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four 10.10 FILM: The Secret Garden (1993) (U) 11.10 FYI Daily 11.15 FILM: The Secret Garden (1993) (U) 12.15 FILM: Columbo: The Most Dangerous Match (1973) (PG) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey. 1.50 Wycliffe 2.55 Foyle's War 7.00 Midsomer Murders 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 1.00 An Audience with Victoria Wood 2.00 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Brain with David Eagleman 8.00 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions 9.00 Inspector Montalbano 10.55 Top of the Pops: 1984 11.30 Len Goodman's Dance Band Days 12.30 Andrew Marr on Churchill: Blood, Sweat and Oil Paint 1.30 Bright Lights, Brilliant Minds: A Tale of Three Cities 2.30 Swarm: Nature's Incredible Invasions 3.30 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Couples Come Dine with Me 7.50 Coach Trip: Road to Zante 10.25 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza 11.30 FILM: The Tigger Movie (2000) (U) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Jim Cummings. 1.00 The Big Bang Theory 1.55 Streetmate 3.00 Don't Tell the Bride 4.00 The Great British Bake Off 5.15 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice 6.05 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: The A-Team (2010) (12) Action

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adventure, starring Liam Neeson. 11.20 Naked Attraction 12.20 Celebs Go Dating 3.20 Tattoo Fixers on Holiday 4.15 Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free 9.30 Coast vs Country 10.25 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun 2.45 Four in a Bed 5.20 Come Dine with Me 8.00 9/11: Ground Zero Underworld 9.00 9/11: The Falling Man 10.35 9/11: The Firemen's Story 11.35 24 Hours in A&E 12.45 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 2.50 8 Out of 10 Cats: Best Bits 3.15 8 Out of 10 Cats 4.00 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 Destry Rides Again (1939) (U) Comedy Western, with James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich. 1.00 Napoleon Dynamite (2004) (PG) Comedy, starring Jon Heder. 2.50 Marmaduke (2010) (U) Comedy, starring Lee Pace. 4.35 The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959) (PG) Sherlock Holmes mystery, starring Peter Cushing. 6.20 Seven Years in Tibet (1997) (PG) Fact-based drama, starring Brad Pitt. 9.00 Pitch Perfect (2012) (12) Comedy, starring Anna Kendrick. 11.15 Shut In (2015) (15) Premiere. Horror thriller, starring Beth Riesgraf. 1.00 The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 2 (1986) (18) 3.05 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

7.10 Top Gear 9.00 Projects 10.00 Sin City Motors 12.20 Top Gear 1.00 Traffic Cops 3.00 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 4.00 Top Gear: Polar Challenge 5.00 Would I Lie to You? 7.00 Not Going Out 9.00 FILM: South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut (1999) (15) Animated musical comedy, with the voices of Trey Parker and Matt Stone. 10.40 Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish 11.40 QI XL 1.40 Would I Lie to You? 2.50 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 All Creatures Great and Small 11.00 Sharpe 1.00 When the Boat Comes In 5.00 Judge John Deed 7.00 Jonathan Creek 8.00 Murdoch Mysteries 9.00 Shetland 11.45 Waking the Dead 2.25 The Ark 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew 7.00 Modern Family 8.00 The F1 Show 8.30 Soccer AM: The Best Bits 9.00 PL Prediction Show 9.30 Premier League

Preview 10.00 Soccer AM 11.30 What's Up TV 12.00 Premier League of Their Own 1.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 4.00 Modern Family 6.30 David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive 8.00 A League of Their Own 9.00 FILM: Enemy of the State (1998) (15) Thriller, starring Will Smith. 11.30 A League of Their Own US Road Trip 12.30 Carpool Karaoke Special 1.30 The Force: North East 2.30 Road Wars 3.00 Brit Cops: Law & Disorder 4.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 The Guest Wing 7.00 Urban Secrets 9.00 Fish Town 11.00 FILM: Becoming Mike Nichols (2016) (PG) 12.20 Open Your Eyes 1.05 House 4.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.30 Ballers 12.05 Twir Peaks: The Return 2.25 The Wire 3.35 Looking 4.10 Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.00 Countryside 999 7.00 The Bill 12.00 EastEnders 2.30 Tipping Point: Lucky Stars 5.30 Gangsta Granny 7.00 My Family 9.00 FILM: Lethal Weapon 4 (1998) (15) Action adventure, starring Mel Gibson and Danny Glover. 11.30 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids 12.55 Babies: Special Delivery 1.50 Grimm 2.40 Judge Faith 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.10 Goodnight Sweetheart 8.15 Lucky Feller 8.50 The Piglet Files 9.25 A Sharp Intake of Breath 9.55 Butterflies 10.35 Goodnight Sweetheart 11.10 Only Fools and Horses 12.35 Goodnight Sweetheart 1.55 A Sharp Intake of Breath 2.20 Butterflies 2.55 Big School 3.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY 401

6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Good Morning Sports Far 8.00 Live Rugby Championship, New Zealand v Argentina (kick-off 8.35am). 10.30 Live Test Cricket. 11.30 Live Premier League, Manchester City v Liverpool (kick-off 12.30pm). 3.15 Live Test Cricket, England v West Indies. 5.15 Live EFL, Sheffield Wednesday v Nottingham Forest (kick-off 5.30pm). 7.40 Live La Liga Football, Barcelona v Espanyol (kick-off 7.45pm). 9.45 La Liga Highlights: Real Madrid 10.00 Live Walker Cup Golf. Day one of the amateur event. 1.00 Through the Night 3.00 Great Sporting Moments 3.15 Live Fight Night International.



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BBC1



Fake or Fortune?,
8pm

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6.00 Breakfast (S) 7.05 Match of the Day (S)(R) 8.30 The Andrew Marr Show (S) 9.30 Great North Run (S) 1.30 BBC News; Weather (S) 1.45 Fake or Fortune? (S)(R) 2.45 Money for Nothing (S)(R) 3.30 Escape to the Country (S)(R) 4.15 Points of View (S) 4.30 Songs of Praise (S) 5.05 FILM Shrek 2 (2004) (U) (S) 6.30 BBC News (S) 6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather (S)

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7.00 Countryfile Ellie Harrison presents the show from Cornwall's Rame Peninsula. (S)

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8.00 Fake or Fortune? Two works of art believed to be by Paul Gauguin. (S)

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9.00 Strike - The Silkworm Part one of a two-part adaptation of JK Rowling's detective novel (S) 10.00 BBC News (S) 10.20 BBC Regional News; Weather (S) 10.30 Match of the Day 2 Including highlights of Swansea City v Newcastle United. (S)

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11.30 People Just Do Nothing Steve kidnaps one of the KOLD FM team. (S)

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AFTER 12.00 FILM The Rebound (2009) (15) Romantic comedy, with Catherine Zeta-Jones and Justin Bartha. (S) 1.30 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.35 BBC News (S)

BBC2



Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?,
8pm

7.30 Gardeners' World (S)(R) 8.30 The Beechgrove Garden (S) 9.00 Countryfile (S)(R) 10.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (S)(R) 11.00 My Life on a Plate (S)(R) 11.45 Lorraine's Fast, Fresh and Easy Food (S)(R) 12.15 MOTD2 Extra (S) 1.00 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 1.45 FILM Grand Prix (1966) (PG) (S) 4.30 Coast (S)(R) 5.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 6.00 Great North Run Highlights (S)

7.00 Tribes, Predators & Me A tribe in the Solomon Islands who regularly swim with sharks. (S)(R)

8.00 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The remaining candidates head to a secret facility in Sweden. (S)

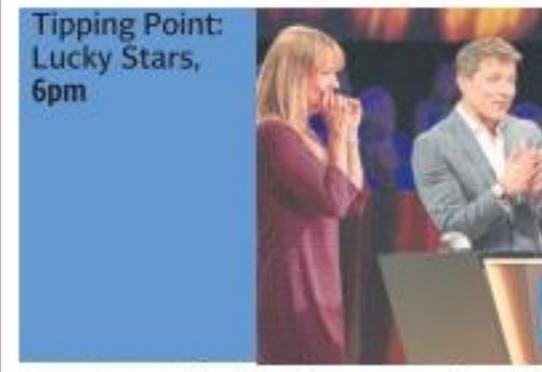
9.00 Dragons' Den Business plans involving plush goods, beach towels and packaging. (S)

10.00 Best Album 2017: Meet the Mercury Prize Shortlist A preview of the annual music award. (S) 10.30 FILM Broken (2012) (15) Drama, with Eloise Laurence. (S)

11.55 FILM False Trail (2011) (15) Mystery, with Rolf Lassgard and Peter Stormare.

2.00 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) 2.55 Holby City (S)(R) 3.55 This Is BBC Two (S)

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Tipping Point:
Lucky Stars,
6pm

9.05 Scrambled: Adventure Time (S) 9.25 ITV News (S) 9.30 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 10.25 The Chase (S)(R) 11.25 Long Lost Family (S)(R) 12.20 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.30 Bear Grylls Survival School (S)(R) 1.00 FILM You've Got Mail (1998) (PG) (S) 3.15 The X Factor (S)(R) 4.30 Victoria (S) (R) 5.30 ITV Regional News (S) 5.40 ITV News (S) 6.00 Tipping Point:
Lucky Stars (S)

7.00 Coronation Street Anna discovers Faye's plan. (S)

8.00 The X Factor The fourth rounds of auditions. (S)

9.00 Victoria The queen throws a lavish medieval ball. (S)

10.05 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Judge Rinder's Crime Stories The 13-year investigation into a pair of murders. (S)(R)

11.20 5 Gold Rings Two friends take on a mother and son in the interactive game show. (S)(R)

12.20 Jackpot247 3.00 Motorsport UK (S) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4



Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year,
7pm

6.00 Last Man Standing (S) 6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 8.00 Frasier (S)(R) 9.30 Sunday Brunch (S) 12.30 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.50 FILM The Core (2003) (12) 4.20 The Crystal Maze A martial arts team tackles the Maze. (S)(R) 5.25 The Great British Bake Off Tasks include a sandwich biscuit signature challenge. (S)(R) 6.40 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Amazing Spaces Shed of the Year The Historic and Workshops and Studios categories. (S)

8.00 From Russia to Iran: Crossing the Wild Frontier Levison Wood concludes his journey towards the Caspian Sea. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 FILM Kingsman: The Secret Service (2015) (15) Premiere. Action comedy based on a comic book, starring Colin Firth and Taron Egerton. (S)

11.35 FILM Sin City: A Dame to Kill For (2014) (18) Crime thriller sequel based on the comic-book series, starring Eva Green and Mickey Rourke. (S)

1.25 Bruce Springsteen: In His Words (S)(R) 2.50 Gillette World Sport (S) 3.15 KOTV Boxing Weekly (S) 3.45 Mobil 1 The Grid (S)(R) 4.10 Location, Location, Location (S)(R) 5.05 Four in a Bed (S)(R) 5.30 Four in a Bed (S)(R)

Channel 5



All New Most Shocking Moments in Pop, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles The heroes end up in an alternate reality. (S)(R) 10.35 Football on 5: The Championship Including highlights of Fulham v Cardiff City. (S)(R) 11.30 Football on 5: Goal Rush Including highlights of AFC Wimbledon v Portsmouth. (S)(R) 12.00 All New Traffic Cops Narrated by Jamie Theakston. (S)(R)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v West Indies. (S)

8.00 Aviva Premiership Rugby Highlights Including highlights of Northampton Saints v Leicester Tigers. (S) 8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Most Shocking Moments in Pop 3 Clare Grogan narrates a selection of scandalous celeb moments. (S)

11.55 The Last Hours of Elvis Presley Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of the singer. (S)(R)

12.55 SuperCasino (S) 3.10 Liberace: In Life and Death (S)(R) 4.00 Now That's Funny! (S)(R) 4.50 Divine Designs (S)(R) 5.20 Nick's Quest (S)(R) 5.45 Chinese Food in Minutes (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 Totally Bonkers! Guinness World Records 6.35 You've Been Framed! Gold 7.25 Coronation Street 10.00 2Awesome: Guidance 10.30 2Awesome: LA Story 10.45 2Awesome: Cheerleaders Steel Rays 11.10 2Awesome: Ready, Set, Style 11.20 2Awesome: Third Wheel 11.50 The X Factor 1.05 Take Me Out 2.10 You've Been Framed! Gold 2.40 FILM Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin.

3.40 FYI Daily 3.45 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Concluded. 4.25 FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Drama, starring Briana Evigan. 5.25 FYI Daily 5.30 FILM: Step Up 2: The Streets (2008) (PG) Concluded.

6.25 FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Fantasy adventure remake, starring Naomi Watts. 7.25 FYI Daily 7.30 FILM: King Kong (2005) (12) Concluded. 10.00 Family Guy 12.00 American Dad! 1.30 The Cleveland Show 2.25 Teleshopping 5.55 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four 8.05 Heartbeat 10.15 Murder, She Wrote 12.25 Wycliffe 1.30 FILM: Columbo A Deadly State of Mind (1975) (PG) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.05 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. 4.10 FYI Daily 4.15 FILM: Carry On Matron (1972) (PG) Concluded. 4.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 7.00 Midsomer Murders 9.00 Sunday Night at the Palladium 10.00 An Audience with Victoria Wood 11.10 Foyle's War 1.10 The Knock. 3.00 Wycliffe 3.55 Griff's Great Britain 4.45 Judge Judy 5.30 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 The Making of King Arthur 8.00 The Joy of Train Sets - The Model Railway Story 9.00 Horizon: Asteroids - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 10.00 The Sky at Night 10.30 The 21st Century Race for Space 11.30 Horizon: Can We Make a Star on Earth? 12.30 Precision: The Measure of All Things 1.30 Horizon: Asteroids - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 2.30 The Joy of Train Sets - The Model Railway Story 3.30 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 Kevin Can Wait 6.25 Couples Come Dine with Me 8.25 Hollyoaks 11.00 Made in Chelsea: Ibiza 12.00 Don't Tell the Bride 1.00 Streetmate 2.05 FILM: Robots (2005) (U) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor. 3.55 Toy Story Toons: Partysaurus Rex 4.05

The Goldbergs 5.05 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: Bad Teacher (2011) (15) Comedy, starring Cameron Diaz. 10.50 Naked Attraction 11.50 Gogglebox 12.55 Celebs Go Dating 2.55 Don't Tell the Bride 3.45 Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

8.55 Location, Location, Location 12.05 Come Dine with Me 2.50 Four in a Bed 2.55 Come Dine with Me 8.00 World's Most Expensive Cars 9.00 Car SOS 10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 12.15 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA 1.10 Car SOS 2.10 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown 3.10 8 Out of 10 Cats 3.50 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) (U) Sci-fi drama, starring Michael Rennie. 1.00 Just Wright (2010) (PG) Romantic comedy, starring Queen Latifah and Common. 3.00 Carry On Cabby (1963) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James and Hattie Jacques. 4.45 Bridge to Terabithia (2007) (PG) Fantasy drama, starring Josh Hutcherson. 6.35 Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) (12) Fantasy adventure, with Kristen Stewart and Chris Hemsworth. 9.00 Gladiator (2000) (15) Oscar-winning Roman epic, starring Russell Crowe.

12.00 Dogtooth (2009) (18) Satirical drama, starring Christos Stergioglou. 1.50 Cyrus (2010) (15) Comedy, starring John C Reilly. 3.40 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 Home Shopping 7.10 Sin City Motors 9.00 Top Gear 11.00 Traffic Cops 1.00 Top Gear Winter Olympics Special 2.00 Top Gear: Polar Challenge 3.00 Would I Lie to You? 5.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 2015: London 7.00 Cops UK: Bodycam Squad 8.00 Traffic Cops 9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Live at the Apollo 12.00 QI XL 1.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 2.00 Mock the Week 2.35 Would I Lie to You? 3.10 Parks and Recreation 4.00 Home Shopping

DRAMA SKY: 158 FV: 20

7.10 Garrow's Law 8.00 The Bill 12.00 War and Peace 4.05 Catherine Cookson's A Dinner of Herbs 7.00 Murdoch Mysteries 8.00 Father Brown 9.00 Silent Witness 11.30 Taggart 2.05 FILM: Hard Times, Dickens' tragic tale, starring Alan Bates. 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106

6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Modern Family 10.00 WWE Raw Hits 11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 1.00 The Dog Whisperer 4.00 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies 9.00 The Last Ship 10.00 The Force: North East 11.00 Zoo 12.00 Hawaii Five-0 1.00 Brit Cops: Frontline Crime UK 4.00 Stargate Atlantis

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108

6.00 Urban Secrets 9.00 Fish Town 11.00 House 2.00 Regarding Susan Sontag 4.00 Blue Bloods 9.00 Tin Star 10.00 Real Time with Bill Maher 11.10 Ballers 11.50 Rock and a Hard Place 1.30 1993 2.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 3.55 Urban Secrets

W SKY: 109

6.05 Beverly Hills Pawn 7.00 MasterChef Australia 12.30 My Restaurant in India 1.00 Doctor Who 4.00 My Family 6.00 Outnumbered 8.00 One Born Every Minute 9.00 One Born: What Happened Next? 10.00 The Davina Hour 11.00 Louis Theroux: Transgender Kids 12.00 One Born Every Minute 1.00 Grimm 2.40 Judge Faith 3.00 Home Shopping

GOLD SKY: 110

7.05 Goodnight Sweetheart 8.20 Lucky Feller 8.55 The Piglet Files 9.25 A Sharp Intake of Breath 10.00 Butterflies 10.40 Goodnight Sweetheart 12.00 Only Fools and Horses 4.40 The Story of Only Fools and Horses 6.00 Only Fools and Horses 8.10 David Jason: My Life on Screen 9.20 Only Fools and Horses 11.30 Goodnight Sweetheart 12.50 A Sharp Intake of Breath 1.25 Lucky Feller 1.55 Butterflies 2.30 Harry Hill's TV Burp 3.20 The Thin Blue Line 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT SKY: 401

6.00 Through the Night 7.00 Total Goals 10.00 Sports Sunday 10.30 Live Test Cricket, England v West Indies. 3.30 Live Nissan Super Sunday. Swansea City v Newcastle United (kick-off 4.00pm). 6.00 Live NFL. Miami Dolphins v Tampa Bay Buccaneers (kick-off 6.00pm). 9.00 Live NFL. Green Bay Packers v Seattle Seahawks (kick-off 9.25pm). 1.00 Live NFL. Dallas Cowboys v New York Giants (kick-off 1.30am). 4.30 Premier League Highlights 5.00 Through the Night



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9.15 **Council House Crackdown** (S) 10.00
Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 11.00
Dom on the Spot (S) 11.45 **Thief**
Trackers (S) 12.15 **Bargain Hunt** (S) 1.00
BBC News at One (S) 1.30 **BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) 1.45 **Doctors** (S) 2.15 **The Boss** (S) 3.00 **Escape to the Country** (S)(R) 3.45 **Garden Rescue** (S) 4.30 **Celebrity Money for Nothing** (S) 5.15 **Pointless** (S) 6.00 **BBC News at Six** (S) 6.30 **BBC Regional News** (S)

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7.00 **The One Show** Hosted by Matt Baker and Alex Jones. (S)
Inside Out Regional documentary; (S) BBC News; Regional News (S)

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8.00 **EastEnders** The guilt becomes too much for one resident. (S)
Why Mum Died: Britain's Sepsis Crisis - Panorama (S)

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9.00 **Rellik** New series. Crime thriller, starring Richard Dormer. (S)

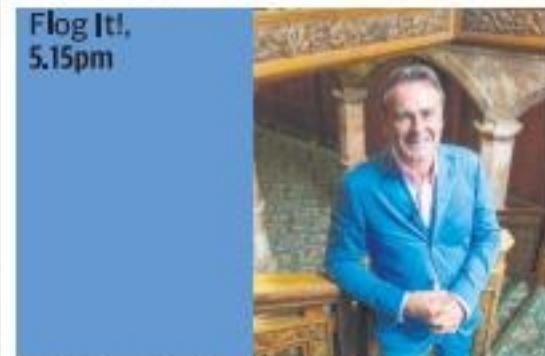
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10.00 **BBC News at Ten** (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.45 Imagine - Cameron Mackintosh: The Musical Man (S)

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AFTER 12.15 Live at the Apollo (S)(R) 12.15 Granada/YTV The Super League Show
1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.05 BBC News (S)

BBC2



8.00 **The Big Family Cooking Showdown** (S)(R) 9.00 **Victoria Derbyshire** (S) 11.00 **BBC Newsroom Live** (S) 12.00 **Daily Politics** (S) 1.00 **For What It's Worth** (S)(R) 1.45 **Coast** (S)(R) 2.00 **Glorious Gardens from Above** (S)(R) 2.45 **Who Do You Think You Are?** (S)(R) 3.45 **Great British Railway Journeys** (S)(R) 4.15 **Planet Earth II** (S)(R) 5.15 **Flog It!** (S)(R) 6.00 **Richard Osman's House of Games** (S) 6.30 **Eggheads** (S)

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7.00 **Antiques Road Trip** Charles Hanson and Catherine Southon head for their final auction. (S)

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8.00 **University Challenge** Sheffield Hallam takes on Newcastle. (S)
8.30 Upstart Crow New series. Return of the comedy, starring David Mitchell. (S)

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9.00 **The Search for a New Earth** Stephen Hawking explores the possibility of humans inhabiting other planets. (S)

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10.30 **Newsnight** (S)

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11.10 **Weather** (S)
11.15 Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes? The remaining candidates head to a secret facility in Sweden. (S)(R)

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12.15 **Sign Zone: Celebrity MasterChef** (S)(R) 1.15 **No More Boys and Girls: Can Our Kids Go Gender Free?** (S)(R) 2.15 **This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV



6.00 **Good Morning Britain** (S) 8.30 **Lorraine** (S) 9.25 **The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) 10.30 **This Morning** (S) 12.30 **Loose Women** (S) 1.30 **ITV Lunchtime News; Weather** (S) 1.55 **ITV Regional News; Weather** (S) 2.00 **Judge Rinder** (S) 3.00 **Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) 3.59 **ITV Regional Weather** (S) 4.00 **Tipping Point** (S) 5.00 **The Chase** (S) 6.00 **ITV Regional News** (S) 6.30 **ITV Evening News** (S)

7.00 **Emmerdale** Emma tries to make amends. (S)

7.30 **Coronation Street** Andy tastes freedom when Phelan takes a risk. (S)

8.00 **Countrywise: Guide to Britain** Liz Bonnin witnesses the River Severn during one of its massive tidal bores. (S)(R)
8.30 Coronation Street (S)

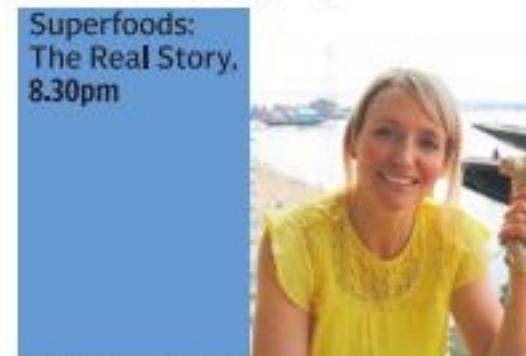
9.00 **Liar** New series. Thriller, starring Joanne Froggatt and Ioan Gruffudd. (S)

10.00 **ITV News; Weather** (S)
10.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S)
10.40 Lisa Riley's Baggy Body Club Cameras follow the actress as she deals with excess skin following weight loss. (S)(R)

11.40 **The Jonathan Ross Show** With Jack Dee, Natalie Dormer and Rag 'n' Bone Man. (S)(R)

12.40 **Jackpot247** 3.00 **The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) 3.55 **ITV Nightscreen** 5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

Channel 4



8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) 9.00 **Frasier** (S)(R) 10.00 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA** (S)(R) 11.00 **Coast vs Country** (S)(R) 12.00 **Channel 4 News** (S) 12.05 **Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) 1.05 **French Collection** (S) 2.10 **Countdown** (S) 3.00 **Cheap Cheap Cheap** (S) 4.00 **A Place in the Sun: Home or Away** (S) 5.00 **Come Dine with Me** (S) 6.00 **The Simpsons** (S) 6.30 **Hollyoaks** (S)

7.00 **Channel 4 News** (S)

8.00 **Jamie's Quick & Easy Food** Recipes for a one-pan fish dish and apple crumble cookies. (S)
8.30 Superfoods: The Real Story (S)

9.00 **The Undateables** New series. The return of the programme following disabled people as they search for romance. (S)

10.00 **Gogglebox** The show capturing households' opinions on recent TV returns. (S)(R)

11.05 **Britain's Benefit Tenants** A letting agent is on the trail of a woman who has fallen behind in her rent. (S)(R)

12.05 **Random Acts** (S) 12.35 **60 Days in Jail** (S) 1.25 **The Supervet: Bionic Specials** (S)(R) 2.25 **FILM Aligarh** (2015) 4.30 **Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) 5.25 **Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free** (S)(R) 5.30 **Four in a Bed** (S)(R)

Channel 5



6.00 **Milkshake!** 9.15 **The Wright Stuff** (S) 11.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** (S)(R) 12.10 **5 News Lunchtime** (S) 12.15 **The Hotel Inspector** (S)(R) 1.10 **Access** (S) 1.15 **Home and Away** (S) 1.45 **Neighbours** (S) 2.15 **NCIS** (S)(R) 3.15 **FILM Jane Doe: Ties That Bind** (2007) (PG) (S) 5.00 **5 News at 5** (S) 5.30 **Neighbours** (S)(R) 6.00 **Home and Away** (S)(R) 6.30 **5 News Tonight** (S)

7.00 **Cricket on 5** England v West Indies; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 **Police Interceptors** New series. The work of elite units of the Durham, Cleveland and Cheshire forces; (S) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 **Paddington Station 24/7** New series. Behind the scenes at the London transport hub. (S)

10.00 **Britannia: Secrets of the Royal Yacht** Part one of two. Rob Bell examines the Royal Yacht Britannia. (S)(R)

11.05 **FILM The Frozen Ground** (2013) (15) Fact-based crime drama, with Nicolas Cage and John Cusack. (S)

12.55 **SuperCasino** (S) 3.10 **GPs: Behind Closed Doors** (S)(R) 4.00 **Criminals: Caught on Camera** (S)(R) 4.45 **House Doctor** (S)(R) 5.10 **Great Artists** (S)(R) 5.35 **Nick's Quest** (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

6.00 **You've Been Framed!** Gold 6.25 **Totally Bonkers** Guinness World Records 7.15 **Below Deck** 8.00 **Emmerdale** 8.30 **Coronation Street** 9.30 **The Ellen DeGeneres Show** 10.20 **Below Deck** 11.15 **Dress to Impress** 12.20 **Emmerdale** 12.50 **Coronation Street** 1.50 **The Ellen DeGeneres Show** 2.45 **The Jeremy Kyle Show** 6.00 **Dress to Impress** 7.00 **You've Been Framed!** Top 100 Shockers 8.00 Two and a Half Men 9.00 **Family Guy** 10.00 **American Dad!** 10.55 **Family Guy** 12.25 **American Dad!** 12.50 **The Cleveland Show** 1.45 **Scorpion** 2.30 **Teleshopping**

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10

6.00 **On the Buses** 6.25 **The Royal** 8.20 **Heartbeat** 9.20 **Where the Heart Is** 10.20 **Judge Judy** 11.15 **Rising Damp** 11.45 **On the Buses** 12.55 **Griff's Great Britain** 1.25 **Heartbeat** 2.25 **The Royal** 3.25 **Wild at Heart** 4.25 **On the Buses** 5.30 **Rising Damp** 6.00 **Heartbeat** 7.00 **Murder, She Wrote** 8.00 **Agatha Christie's Marple** 10.10 **Law & Order: UK** 11.05 **Lightfields** 12.10 **Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four** 2.10 **ITV3 Nightscreen** 2.30 **Teleshopping**

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9

7.00 **Beyond 100 Days** 7.00 **Weather** 7.30 **Brushing Up On - British Bridges** 8.00 **Dangerous Earth** 9.00 **The Normans** 10.00 **Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain** with Simon Sebag Montefiore 11.00 **A Very British Murder** with Lucy Worsley 12.00 **She-Wolves: England's Early Queens** 1.00 **How to Be Bohemian with Victoria Coren Mitchell** 2.00 **Dangerous Earth** 3.00 **The Normans** 4.00 **Close**

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28

6.00 **Hollyoaks** 6.30 **Coach Trip: Road to Zante** 7.00 **Made in Chelsea** 8.00 **Melissa & Joey** 9.00 **2 Broke Girls** 10.00 **Baby Daddy** 11.00 **How I Met Your Mother** 12.00 **The Goldbergs** 1.00 **The Big Bang Theory** 2.00 **Hollyoaks** 7.30 **Coach Trip: Road to Zante - Final Week** 8.00 **FILM: Home Alone** (1990) (PG) **Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin**, 10.00 **Celebs Go Dating** 11.05 **The Big Bang Theory** 12.05 **The IT Crowd** 1.10 **Celebs Go Dating** 2.15 **First Dates Hotel** 3.15 **Tattoo Fixers** 4.05 **Rude(ish) Tube** 4.55 **How I Met Your Mother** **Normans** 4.00 **Close**

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6

8.55 **A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** 11.00 **Four in a Bed** 1.40 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** 3.50 **Time Team** 5.55 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces** 6.55 **The Secret Life of the Zoo** 7.55 **Grand Designs** 9.00 9/11: 102 Minutes That Changed America 11.10 9/11: Elite Rescue Cops 12.10 24 Hours in A&E 1.15 **Sex Diaries: Gigolos** 2.20 **Grand Designs** 3.20 8 Out of 10 Cats 4.00 **Close**

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15

11.00 **Jubal** (1956) (PG) **Western, starring Glenn Ford and Ernest Borgnine**. 1.05 **Apache Territory** (1958) (PG) **Western, starring Rory Calhoun**. 2.30 **Shane** (1953) (PG) **Western, starring Alan Ladd**. 4.50 **Guns at Batasi** (1964) (PG) **British military drama, starring Richard Attenborough**. 6.55 **Field of Dreams** (1989) (PG) **Baseball fantasy, with Kevin Costner and Ray Liotta**. 9.00 **Prometheus** (2012) (15) **Sci-Fi thriller, starring Noomi Rapace**. 11.25 **The Negotiator** (1998) (15) **Thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson and Kevin Spacey**. 2.10 **Gone Too Far!** (2013) (12) 4.00 **Close**

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12

6.00 **Home Shopping** 7.10 **Scrapheap Challenge** 8.10 **Jay Leno's Garage** 9.00 **Storage Hunters UK** 10.00 **American Pickers** 12.00 **Jay Leno's Garage**

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Don't let headlines put you off becoming a landlord

THE buy to let market has changed quite significantly in recent years.

The introduction of the three per cent stamp duty surcharge on second properties; cuts to mortgage interest tax relief and tighter restrictions on the wear and tear allowance have all made both existing and aspiring landlords take a closer look at the potential returns associated with property investment.

Added to that, increased legislative requirements including Right to Rent residency checks, forthcoming energy efficiency standards and increased scrutiny around fire alarm and carbon monoxide safeguards mean that today's landlord is faced with more paperwork than perhaps they have ever been before.

Does this, however, mean that the buy to let market is no longer a viable investment vehicle?

In most cases, we'd say 'no'.

Let's be clear, deciding to become a landlord isn't the flippant decision it perhaps once was, but then we'd argue that no-one should have ever invested without first carefully doing their homework.

First off, ask yourself why you want to get in to property investment. If, like many, the decision is related to your longer-term financial or pension planning, then it will almost certainly be a sound investment.

Over the long-term, all properties will enjoy a certain increase in value and by the time you reach your retire-

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Oxford homeowners and their £2.78 billion debt

Bill Cooper, co-author of *The Oxford Property Blog* and managing director of Martin and Co, Oxford



property market is the mortgage market. The UK mortgage market is worth £961,653,701,493 (that's £961bn) and is representative of 13,314,512 mortgages (the UK's mortgage market is the largest in Europe in terms of amount lent per year and the total value of outstanding loans).

Uncertainty causes banks to stop lending – it took a few months throughout the autumn of 2007, before the credit crunch started to hit the Oxford property market, but in late 2007, and for the following year and half, Oxford property values dropped each month, causing Oxford property values to fall by 22.9%.

Thankfully, after a period of stagnation, the Oxford property market started to recover in 2011 as certainty returned to the economy and Oxford property values really took off in 2013. Throughout 2016,

we saw a return to realistic and stable medium-term property price growth, and now property prices have recovered in Oxford and are now 85.6% higher than they were in 2009.

During the summer of 2017, with the Conservatives having been re-elected on their slender majority, the Oxford property market has experienced some softening, but now appears set to avoid the negative growth experienced in London.

There has been some aggressive competition among mortgage lenders, which has driven mortgage rates down to record lows, which is good news for Oxford homeowners and landlords with the rates on new deals at the lowest they have ever been. For example, last month, HSBC launched a 1.69% five-year fixed mortgage!

Since 1977, the average Bank of England interest rate has been 6.65%, making the current rates a

of 0.25% very low indeed – in fact it is a 323-year record. Thankfully, the proportion of borrowers fixing their mortgage rate has gone from 31.52% in the autumn of 2012 to the current 59.3%. If you haven't fixed – maybe you should follow the majority?

In the Oxford postcodes of OX1 to OX4 & OX33, if you added up everyone's mortgage, it would total £2,785,488,264. If Bank of England rates returned to their trend rate of 6.65% current Oxford borrowers would have to find £178.3m more to just to keep up their payments.

In my opinion, interest rates can only go one way from their 300-year ultra 0.25% low level. Maybe, just maybe, you might want to consider taking some advice from a qualified mortgage adviser to lock-in the historically low rates. To read more about Oxford Property, visit oxfordpropertyblog.co.uk.



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Suzuki Swift 1.2 SZ5 SHVS Dualjet 4WD

Small and mighty and set to be a seller

By Tony Yates

THE Supermini market has been growing at an astonishing rate for the last few years – and rightly so. The reason for this climb is that buyers are now looking for smaller cars because it's not only cheaper to run but in many cases cheaper to buy. I myself have a Supermini – as do all of my friends and all of their friends. You may not know this, but the Suzuki brand sells well – and the previous Swift models flew out of the doors because it was seen as one of the hottest things to own – thanks to a lot of rave reviews around the time of course.

So, does the new Swift follow on from its predecessor in becoming once again the hot property we all want to own? The answer is I don't really know – but what I can tell you is it's looking pretty good so far.

Power & efficiency

The Swift I had on test was powered by a four-cylinder Dualjet 90PS engine with 120Nm of torque at 4400rpm. 0 to

62 mph is dealt with in 12.6 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around 105 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 62.8 mpg (combined) with a CO2 rating of 101 g/km – although the best I could get was around 56mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible as we have to remember the variables here when testing a car in the real world.

On the road

Like all previous Swift models – they handle like a go-cart and I can feel where Suzuki has made some major changes over the older Swift, because everything feels so much more planted. Saying that, my test model was fitted with the ALLGRIP Auto 4-wheel drive system which is a simple automatic and permanent four-wheel drive layout which transfers additional torque to the rear wheels when required via a viscous coupling – which all helps in giving you a lot of confidence into the corners – as well as giving you a great ride on uneven surfaces.

If you do decide to take the Swift onto a muddy field – then you can be assured it won't get bogged down like some larger vehicles due to it being a whole lot lighter.

Design & technology

The interior is made out of decent materials and the fabric used on the seating is of a good quality, and a surprising find for a car in this price bracket.

Space – rear legroom is OK, and the boot is a fair size in comparison to the competition. What I do like is the driving position which is good, plus all the pedals feel in the right place and all the dials and switches are easily accessible. For those who want to know – the max luggage capacity for the Swift is coming in around 265litres (raised rear seating) and 579litres with the rear seating lowered.

Some of the standard features on the Swift SZ5 include; LED rear combination lamps, LED headlamps with high beam assist, ALLGRIP AUTO 4-wheel drive system, Keyless

The new Suzuki Swift is set to follow in the footsteps of its predecessor and be a hit



entry/start, adaptive cruise control, 16" polished alloy wheels, navigation system, Bluetooth connectivity, DAB digital radio with 4 speakers and 2 tweeters, air conditioning, front electric windows, privacy glass, and Dual Sensor Brake Support (DSBS). You also get Advanced Forward Detection System (SZ5 only) this system combines a monocular camera and a laser sensor for advanced safety functions, including autonomous emergency breaking.

To sum up

Suzuki has done a fantastic job of giving the new Swift an upgrade worth talking about. I believe it will once again be flying out of the doors of a dealer near you. Standard car price (on-the-road) £15,499

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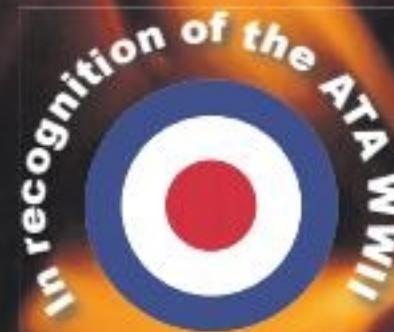
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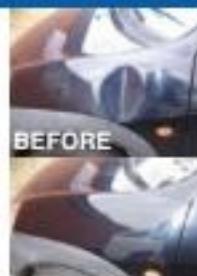
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Sport

By Adam Flinn

F1 - Williams

LANCE Stroll followed up his unexpected front row starting position with some solid points after finishing seventh in Sunday's Italian Grand Prix, held inside the Royal Park at Monza.

The young Williams driver held off experienced team-mate Felipe Massa on the last lap as the Grove-based squad recorded just their second double-points finish of the season.

Stroll had set the fourth-best time in a rain-delayed qualifying session on Saturday, but grid penalties for the two Red Bulls meant the Canadian found himself starting in second place alongside Lewis Hamilton.

He was jumped by Esteban Ocon at the start, and rather unexpectedly the faster cars of Valtteri Bottas, Sebastian Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen were able to make their way past on the long straights at Monza.

But Stroll held his nerve in a four-way scrap between the two Williams and Force Indias, holding off an aggressive Massa to claim six points.

"I am very happy with the race and I think it was a good one," said Stroll.

"It was a bit of a shame at the start as we lost position to Ocon as Hamilton had a bad start and defended so I had to back off."

"I then had a big flat spot at the end of the race so started to lose time to Ocon and then was defending from Felipe, but the race was very positive."

Magnussen just shy of a point in challenging race

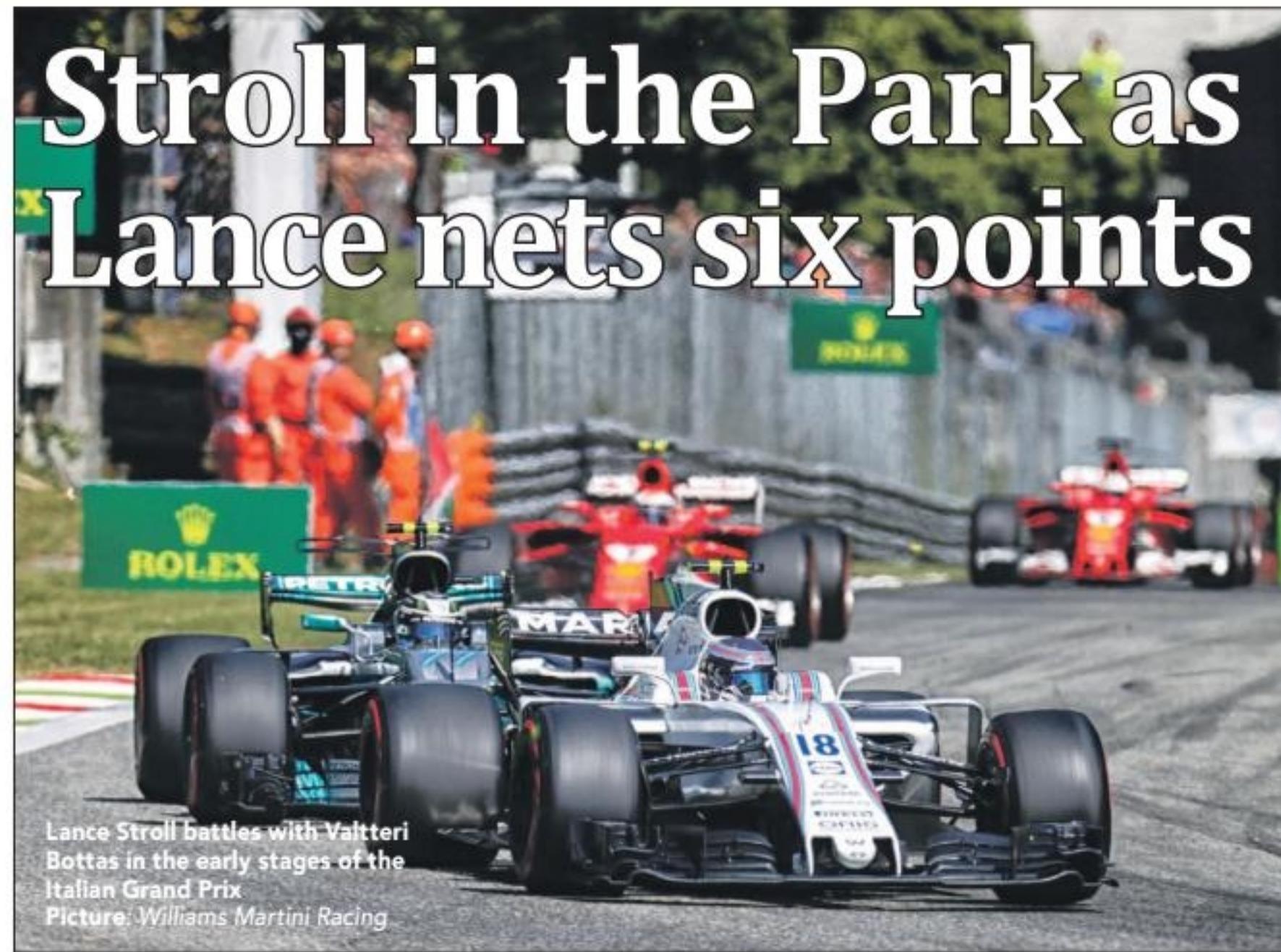
F1 - Haas

HAAS narrowly missed out on a scoring a point as Kevin Magnussen dropped to 11th in the closing stages of the Italian Grand Prix.

Magnussen had been running 10th in the latter part of the race, but was no match for a charging Max Verstappen and was passed with seven laps to go.

To make matters worse, Magnussen felt as if Verstappen had forced him off the track when the overtake was made, but the stewards decided not to impose a penalty.

It was a tough day for Banbury-based Haas all round, as damage at



Massa was able to secure eighth and four points despite being involved in three collisions during the race.

He clashed with Sergio Perez at the start, while Max Verstappen picked up a puncture while he was fighting the Brazilian for seventh on lap three.

And on the last lap while trying to get past Stroll, there was some small

contact between the two Williams, although nothing that caused any damage.

Massa said: "It's always good to score points with both cars, and I was happy with the race and with the fights.

"I just had a little touch at the end with Lance but fortunately nothing

happened and we managed to finish well.

"I'm happy with the performance and the race, it was a good Sunday for the team."

Williams have strengthened their grip on fifth place in the constructors' championship standings, ahead of the next race in Singapore on September 17.



Pace deficit hinders Hulkenberg as Palmer pulls out

F1 - Renault

LACK of pace was blamed for Renault not being able to produce a more competitive performance in the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday.

Nico Hulkenberg was only able to make up one place over the course of the race to finish 13th, while Jolyon

Palmer retired with a transmission problem.

Hulkenberg had briefly been able to get up to 11th and was in a close battle with the Toro Rossos and Kevin Magnussen's Haas at the end, but all of them were eventually beaten by Max Verstappen for the final point.

It was a disappointing day for the Enstone-based team after such an

encouraging result last time out in Belgium.

Managing director Cyril Abiteboul said: "We were expecting a difficult Italian Grand Prix.

"We did everything within our means to get Nico into the points, however with the pace we had it wasn't possible as the balance of the car simply wasn't there throughout

the weekend.

"Unfortunately we had an issue with the transmission on Jolyon's car and we made the decision to stop his race as it was dangerous to continue and risk a sudden breakage.

"His pace was encouraging and, unlike Nico, he felt good in the car but wouldn't have been able to score points from where he was in the race."

Blues strike Gold with first win since May amid merger rumours

Rugby League

OXFORD RL picked up their first win since May with an 18-12 victory over Gloucestershire All Golds on Sunday.

It wasn't the best of games, but the Blues would have been pleased

to have got the monkey off their back, having ended their 11-game losing run last time out with a draw against South Wales.

There was only one score in the first half, with Oxford's Jordan Gill racing 80 metres down the pitch for a try, with Sam Druce converting.

Six minutes in the second half and the All Golds were level, with Phil Cowburn's converted try making the scores 6-6.

However the Blues fought back to build up what would ultimately be a match-winning lead.

Matt Davies took advantage of a

loose ball to dive over for a try, which was promptly followed up with a score from Casey Canterbury to give Oxford a 12-point lead.

The All Golds immediately hit back to half the deficit, but the final 15 minutes didn't see any further scores and Oxford held on for the win.

Apprehensive but excited at North Korea tournament

Taekwondo



Kirsty Miller is heading to North Korea to take part in the ITF Taekwondo world championships

A DIDCOT teacher has been selected to represent England in the upcoming ITF Taekwondo world championships, set to take place this month in a rather surprising location.

Kirsty Miller will travel to the North Korean capital of Pyongyang next Tuesday, ahead of the start of the championships three days later.

The 26-year-old, who teaches at Willowcroft Community School, is the England Taekwondo ladies' team captain and has been a member of the national ITF squad since 2007.

This will be the fourth world championships she has competed in, and has admitted to being a little nervous about visiting North Korea amidst the recent global tensions.

She said: "I am a little apprehensive about visiting North Korea due to the recent media coverage, but mainly I am really excited to have the opportunity to visit and experience life there."

"This championship is being held in The Taekwon-Do Palace in Pyongyang and it has always been my dream to compete there."

"I am hopeful that this championship will be my best yet and aim to build on my recent success at the European Championships."

Kirsty needs to raise £2,000 to pay for the trip. Her JustGiving page can be found at justgiving.com/crowdfunding/help-kirsty-to-korea.

The win comes as rumours gather pace about the Blues and the All Golds potentially merging and relocating to Bristol for next season, with financial difficulties for both sides cited as the reason.

Oxford's next game is at home to Coventry Bears this Saturday.

Sport

Eddie cards best finish

Golf

EDDIE Pepperell picked up his best result of the season as he finished tied fifth in the Czech Masters.

The Abingdon golfer finished on eight under par, within five shots of tournament winner Haydn Porteous.

Pepperell got off to a dodgy start on Thursday as he recorded two double bogeys on the front nine at the Albatross Golf Resort in Prague.

However a run of four birdies and an eagle over six holes on the back nine put him right back in contention to end the day on three under par.

The second round didn't go quite as well, with Pepperell dropping a shot after recording just one birdie and two bogeys on Friday.

Despite that he was well inside the cut line and gained two shots on Saturday without carding a single bogey.

And the 26-year-old made it an entire weekend without dropping a shot on Sunday, adding another four birdies for a round of 68.

Pepperell is currently 89th in the Race to Dubai standings, and is ranked 313th in the world.

New course for rookie golfers



Eddie Pepperell on the new course

A NEW short golf course designed to encourage beginners to take up the sport has been launched at Frilford Heath Golf Club.

The yellow course comprises 12 tees over six holes at a maximum of 86 yards long, with the aim of it taking no longer than an hour to play.

It is the first new course to be opened at the club, near Abingdon, with professional golfer Eddie Pepperell and 100-year-old Frilford Heath member Hugh Chamberlain playing a match to mark the opening.

Pepperell said: "It's so important to make golf inclusive if we want it to remain as one of the UK's leading sports."

"There are many people who may be put off playing a round of 18 holes because they are worried about their ability and the time it takes."

"This course means beginners and those new to the game can come and play a quick round to gradually improve their game with confidence."

Frilford Heath executive chairman Alistair Booth added: "We want to safeguard the future of this sport and feel that in order to do so, we need to make golf available to everyone."

Mixed fortunes for county sides in qualifiers

Railwaymen shunted out by class opposition

By George Welch

FA Cup round up

DIDCOT Town were thumped 5-0 by Billericay Town in front of the BBC cameras as their FA Cup run came to an abrupt end.

The Evo-Stik South West side were always up against it when they visited their free-spending hosts in the first qualifying round on Saturday.

George Reid struck the post in the first half in what was Diddy's best chance of the game.

But Diddy went in at the break a goal down when Billericay's hat-trick hero Jake Robinson steered the ball home on 40 minutes for his first of the afternoon.

Billericay, who boast former Premier League players Jamie O'Hara, Paul Konchesky, Kevin Foley and Jermaine Pennant within their ranks, were dominant in the second half.

The Isthmian League Premier

Emirates FA Cup second qualifying round, to be played w/e September 16

Banbury United v Thatcham Town

Paulton Rovers v Kidlington Whitehawk v Oxford City

Division leaders fought off any challenge the Railwaymen could muster with three goals in 11 second half minutes.

Robinson netted his second of the game on 67 minutes and Ricky Modeste got in on the action on 75 minutes before Robinson rounded off the ruthless spell with his hat-trick three minutes later.

Adam Cunningham completed the rout from the spot late on.

Banbury United and Kidlington fared better and secured their progress into the second qualifying round with high scoring victories.

Jefferson Louis (64 minutes), Nathan Pond (66), Ravi Shamsi (78) and Conor McDonagh (86) all found

the back of the net in the second half to sweep aside Tiverton Town 4-2 at the Banbury Plant Hire Community Stadium.

Kidlington's game was delayed by 90 minutes due to the officials getting stuck in traffic but, when play did get under way, the Greens quickly made up for lost time in their 6-1 demolition of St Margaretsbury.

Kiddy were out of sight by half time with Lewis Coyle (12), Anaclet Odhiambo (14 & 25), Mark Bell (17) and Ben Willoughby (30) all finding the back of the net. Odhiambo netted his hat-trick shortly after the restart.

Thame United's FA Cup journey ended in a disappointing 4-3 reverse at Baldock Town on Sunday, while North Leigh were knocked out on Tuesday.

Dan West (31) and Lynton Goss (44 & 58) bagged Thame's goals but the pair could't prevent United falling to their third successive defeat.

Leigh drew 2-2 at home to Biggleswade Town on Saturday but the Wade edged into the next round with a 3-2 replay win.

Results around the county

Vanarama National League South

Saturday 2 September
Oxford City 1-2 Braintree Town
Saturday 5 September
Bath City 2-1 Oxford City

Emirates FA Cup first qualifying round

Saturday 2 September
Banbury United 4-2 Tiverton Town

Billericay Town 5-0 Didcot Town

North Leigh 2-2 Biggleswade Town

St Margaretsbury 1-6 Kidlington

Sunday 3 September
Baldock Town 4-3 Thame United

Tuesday 5 September
Biggleswade Town 3-2 North Leigh

Uhlsport Hellenic League Premier Division

Saturday 2 September
Bracknell Town 3-2 Abingdon United

Longlevens AFC 3-5 Oxford City Nomads

Wantage Town 1-3 Highworth Town

Tuesday 5 September
Abingdon United 0-1 Flackwell Heath

Oxford City Nomads 1-2 Thatcham Town

Wednesday 6 September
Longlevens v Wantage Town - result not available as we went to press

City continue to leak goals as poor run goes on

Oxford City

A POROUS Oxford City defence conceded their 15th goal in just five matches as the Hoops suffered their third defeat in nine days.

Following the previous week's 3-2 reverse at Chippenham United, City lost 2-1 at home to Braintree Town on Saturday before suffering the same fate at Bath City on Tuesday.

A depleted Oxford side failed to capitalise on a strong start at home to recently relegated Braintree at the weekend.

Matt Paterson poked the hosts into the lead on seven minutes but Billy Crook (43 minutes) and Philip Roberts (75) scored in both halves

for the visitors to send the points back to Essex.

Oxford once again sacrificed a first half lead on Tuesday, this time at Bath.

An own goal gave City the lead midway through the first period but two goals in two minutes from the hosts piled more misery on Mark Jones and his players.

Jack Batten and Jamie Lucas did the damage for the Romans on the hour mark as the Hoops slipped to 19th in the Vanarama National League South.

City have now conceded 19 goals – the second most in the division.

They host East Thurrock United (second) and Weston-Super-Mare (17th) on Saturday and Tuesday.



Matt Paterson scores against Braintree on Saturday. Picture: Michael Allen

Hellenic teams downed by stronger opponents



Graham Edney scores for Abingdon United in their defeat to Bracknell Town. Picture: Chris Janes

Hellenic round-up

ABINGDON United were unlucky not to get anything out of their two games this week after narrowly losing to tough opponents.

They were beaten 3-2 away to Bracknell Town on Saturday, before losing 1-0 at home to Flackwell Heath on Tuesday.

Both sides are currently in the top three of the Hellenic Premier Division table, while Abingdon sit fifth on 11 points, although they have played up to four games more than all the other teams in the league.

Elsewhere, Wantage Town were also beaten by high-flying opposition, as they lost 3-1 at home to Highworth

Town on Saturday.

Highworth are yet to drop a point this season and sit second in the table, while the defeat keeps the Alfredians mid-table in 10th.

Oxford City Nomads did manage to pick up a win however, as they beat Longlevens 5-3 in a high scoring affair in Gloucestershire.

But they continued the theme of the week for Oxfordshire's teams on Tuesday by losing 2-1 to fourth-placed Thatcham Town.

Wantage were due to face Longlevens last night as we went to press.

Abingdon and Nomads are in FA Vase action this Saturday, at home to Highmoor Ibis and Woodley United respectively.

Marvellous Marvin makes a move to Middlesbrough

By George Welch

FOR the second successive summer, Oxford United's Marvin Johnson had his bags packed ahead of a big transfer deadline day move.

By the time the English transfer window had slammed shut last Thursday evening, the U's had sold their prize winger – and occasional stand-in full back – to Middlesbrough for an undisclosed fee.

The sale, believed to be worth around £2.5m, sparked a busy deadline day for the U's.

Two new faces – midfielder Alex Mowatt and defender/midfielder John Mousinho – joined United before the clock struck 11pm.

Ex-Motherwell player Johnson made clear his desire to leave Oxford as soon as interest from higher divisions became concrete over the summer.

Earlier this summer the 26-year-old was the subject of a rejected £1m bid from Hull City, who, like Johnson's new club, were relegated from the Premier League last season.

It is believed Motherwell will pocket 25 per cent of the fee, as per the club's agreement with the U's last summer.

Johnson forced his move south of the border 12 months ago by handing in a transfer request and the deal that took him to the Kassam was completed with just three hours to spare.

He didn't help his latest transfer along the way using such drastic measures this time around.

However, after injury sidelined him for a game, the former Kidderminster Harriers man skipped a couple of games following his return to training as it became clear he was seeking pastures new.

United responded quickly and bolstered their creative options by signing Mowatt on a season-long loan



Marvin Johnson has moved for a fee believed to be around £2.5million while the U's brought in Alex Mowatt, top right and John Mousinho, bottom right before the 11pm deadline

Main picture: Steve Daniels. Mowatt and Mousinho, OUFC

from Championship outfit Barnsley.

The 22-year-old worked with U's boss Pep Clotet when the pair were at Leeds United last season.

Clotet said: "We were interested as soon as we found out there was a possibility of getting him because we feel he is a player who adds to our creative options."

"He can play in any position in the midfield and, although he is still only 22, he has played well over 100 games in the Championship and has lots of

experience for his age."

United rounded off a busy summer window with the addition of Mousinho, who joined on a two-year deal following his release from Burton Albion.

Chairman Darryl Eales, who believes the squad is as strong as it has ever been during his tenure, said: "Pep would have very much liked to have retained Marvin and this was made clear to the player but it became increasingly evident that Marvin saw his future elsewhere."



Pushing for three points

Continued from back page

He played a slick one-two with Jack Payne and, as the Dons backed off, Hall took advantage of the free space presented to him on the edge of the area to curl the ball beyond the despairing Lee Nicholls for a terrific goal.

Jon Obika tested the MK stopper's handling with two low drives and James Henry whipped another just wide of the mark as the U's went in at the break perhaps unlucky to only be one goal ahead.

Oxford, who didn't include deadline day signings John Mousinho or Alex Mowatt, weren't as fluent in the second period and Brittain hammered home a fine equaliser on the hour.

Robbie Muirhead dragged a 77th-minute shot wide for the Dons, who had their manager Robbie Neilson sent to the stands late on, but Obika went close to reaching a Christian Ribeiro cross five minutes later at the other end as the game ebbed and flowed.

The U's pushed for a winner and the last five minutes saw high drama aplenty.

Jack Payne, Obika and sub Gino van Kessel (twice) all had chances to turn a draw into a win.

The point gives United an encouraging eight points from their opening five games – but Clotet felt the points were there for the taking.

He said: "We left the pitch pushing to get the three points and we had the last few chances which were really clear.

"The 3,000 fans here were outstanding and helping us try to get the three points."

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1	Peterborough United	5	8	13
2	Shrewsbury Town	5	4	13
3	Charlton Athletic	5	5	12
4	Scunthorpe United	5	6	11
5	Wigan Athletic	4	6	10
6	Bradford City	5	3	10

7	Blackpool	5	2	10
8	Fleetwood Town	4	3	9
9	Oxford United	5	4	8
10	Walsall	5	1	8
11	Blackburn Rovers	4	1	6
12	Rotherham United	5	1	6
13	Doncaster Rovers	5	0	6
14	Bristol Rovers	5	-3	6
15	Southend	5	-4	6
16	Portsmouth	5	-2	5
17	AFC Wimbledon	5	-2	4
18	Plymouth Argyle	5	-4	4
19	Bury	5	-4	4
20	MK Dons	5	-4	4

21	Rochdale	5	-3	3
22	Gillingham	5	-3	2
23	Oldham Athletic	5	-7	0
24	Northampton Town	4	-8	0



Canice Carroll in action in Oxford's Carabao Cup defeat to Cheltenham Town. Picture: Steve Daniels

YOUNGSTER Canice Carroll said it was an 'honour' to captain the Republic of Ireland Under 19s to a 2-1 win over Czech Republic on Monday.

The Oxford United right back was given dispensation to miss the Republic's first game against the same opposition on Saturday.

The 18-year-old flew out after Saturday's game at Milton Keynes to link up with the rest of the squad.

Carroll, who made his U's debut against Macclesfield Town in the FA Cup in January, said the "boys were different class" in the 2-1 win at Waterford's Regional Sports Centre.

The Oxford-born defender was taken down in the area for a seventh-minute penalty but Anthony Scully scuffed his lines from the spot.

Scully made amends as his goal and a Jordan Doherty strike secured the friendly win.

Ireland beat the Czech Republic by the same scoreline at the same venue three days earlier, but without Carroll.

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Rob Hall gave the U's an early lead. Pictures: Steve Daniels

Pep encouraged by season start

Tiendalli out – but scans are positive



FULL back Dwight Tiendalli will be out of action for around a month after limping off against MK Dons.

The Dutch international slid in to block a cross during Saturday's 1-1 draw and was withdrawn holding the back of his leg.

But the injury is not as bad as first feared. Scans have shown damage to the hamstring but the prognosis is that it will be weeks rather than months before he is available again.

Tiendalli, who played his first competitive game since May 2015 in United's 6-2 dismantling of Stevenage last week, definitely misses the next two games.

After drawing with MK Dons, midfielder Joe Rothwell said: "The boys are bitterly disappointed. After we went 1-0 up we really should have killed the game. We kept going and creating chances so it's just unfortunate we couldn't turn one of them into a goal."

The former Manchester United trainee added: "We are definitely making progress and we should be happy with the start we have made. The aim is to kick on and convert the draws into wins."

The U's host Gillingham on Saturday before welcoming Bradford City to the Kassam on Tuesday.



Pep Clotet is pleased with the way United have started the season

By George Welch

MANAGER Pep Clotet is encouraged by his Oxford United side's early season growth, despite ruing missed chances in Saturday's 1-1 draw with MK Dons.

The U's, roared on by a 3,000-strong Yellow Army, bossed the first half and would have been worthy winners at Stadium:MK.

But Clotet had to settle for a share of the points as Rob Hall, who was booed like a pantomime villain throughout the afternoon, had his first half goal cancelled out by MK academy graduate Callum Brittain's second half strike.

The Spaniard said: "Unfortunately

MK Dons 1

Callum Brittain 60

Oxford United 1

Rob Hall 8

Attendance: 10,746 (2,924 away)

we couldn't win so we take the point. As we said last week every point counts, every point matters and they are all the same value at the end of the season.

"It takes a lot of effort, hard work and time to build a project together with a group of players with the same

identity and the same ideas.

"Slowly they are doing that on the pitch. I thought our performance was much better than the previous Saturday [1-1 draw at home to Shrewsbury], and we were strong when winning [6-2 at Stevenage] on Tuesday, so the team is growing.

"We are still not at the point yet where we can do it for longer but we are very optimistic and these sort of performances only give us encouragement."

Former Don Hall netted early on for the visitors for his third goal in two games and to silence his critics in the process.

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